

**Red Cross**  
**Drug Store**  
The Prescription Store

**TOY YOUNG HOUSE PREY TO FLAMES**

A fire that broke out some time shortly after 9 o'clock last night visited practically total destruction upon the Toy Young residence near the east end of Adams avenue. The fire brigade received the first alarm at about 9:25 and the short work of the trip to the scene of the blaze. The flames had secured a good start before the alarm was turned in, however, and the rear end of the house was consumed by the time the fire fighters arrived.

**Premises Unoccupied**  
The house had been unoccupied for the past two weeks, and the origin of the fire remains a mystery. The house is close to the railway tracks and nearby on the edge of the city, which is some support of the theory that transients camping there were responsible.

**Second Blaze Occurs**  
Half an hour after getting the water playing on the flames, the brigade had the fire where it seemed safe to leave it, but they had not been back at the station quite half an hour when a second alarm was turned in and they found that the blaze had broken out afresh. It is thought that sparks must have remained smoldering under the roof, and despite the water soaked condition of the shingles, had broken out afresh.

**Loss Fully Covered**  
Mr. Young states that he carried sufficient insurance on the house to fully cover the loss. He had but recently completed improvements on the building which cost about \$700, and had a deal in progress for the place which he had expected to close today.

Four alarms were turned in last night on the outbreak of the fire. The first was given by the night policemen, Roy Flexner and J. L. Smith, who saw the flames from down town. The brigade, therefore, had the truck out of the station before the box alarm came in, and two alarms followed by telephone.

**BRYANT WASHBURN HAS HAD LONG CAREER IN THE MOVIES**

Bryant Washburn, who makes his first appearance since his engagement with Famous Players-Lasky Corporation in C. B. De Mille's new aircraft special "Till I Come Back to You," as a leading man, has had a long and successful career in the silent drama, immortalizing the character of "Skinner" and other parts proving himself a pleasing, handsome, aggressive and talented actor.

His present role in "Till I Come Back to You," which will be shown at the Arcade theatre tomorrow and Saturday, that of a young American officer in Belgium, involved in a message enterprise and finding love and almost facing a firing squad because his heart dictates his actions in a desperate crisis, is one to which he does full justice.

There are few equals of Bryant Washburn on the screen today. His members among his admirers usually the entire film going fraternity.

A splendid cast appears with Mr. Washburn. The players include G. Arthur Clough, Winter Hall, George Stone, Julia Faye, Lillian Lashburn, Clarence Goldart, May Ormsby, C. Redford, W. J. Irving, Frank Zimmerman, Monte Elno, Harlan Stone, and others.

For those who desire residence property in this neck of woods for one closer to business center. Value around \$5,000. Call 304 La Grande, Oregon. Adv 3-13-31

**DOGS MAY BE LET GO FREE**

**CHANGE IN "KEEPING UP" LAW BEING CONSIDERED**

Commissioners Let Several Matters Stand Over Until Their Meeting Next Wednesday.

Several communications regarding the plan of having automobiles parked in the center of streets in the business section of the city, were read last night at the meeting of the board of city commissioners, who have been discussing this matter at their last few meetings, with a view to adopting it, if found practical. This was one of a very few matters the commissioners had to deal with last night, their session being a very quiet one. Other business discussed included the rescinding of the ordinance requiring the owners of dogs, who keep them in the city, to keep them up from April 1st until fall; and the plan to secure advice on the local water question.

**Parking Plan Favored**

Letters concerning the proposed new parking plan were received from Twin Falls, Idaho, and from Baker. Twin Falls has had the plan in force for some time, with respect only to one street in the business section of the city, and they recommended the plan there as very satisfactory provided the streets of the city are sufficiently wide. The letter from Baker stated that the plan had been tried in that city for only a short time, with good satisfaction, and it was indicated that the change to the new system would likely be made again before long. These testimonials were not sufficiently convincing, however, and the commissioners decided to let the matter rest for another week and make further investigation concerning it.

**Water is Pure**

The city manager had reports from the state board of health to present regarding the water which the city is using from the Grande Ronde river. Mr. Collier has had samples of this water, taken from taps in the city after passing through the new chlorinator, tested at the state laboratory, and the reports have showed that there has been a continued improvement in the condition of the water. The report given last night showed that the water now contains but a minimum of microbes, with neither colon bacilli nor gas showing, after seventy-two hours incubation. The samples ported on were taken March 4th.

The auditor's report was received and filed, and after some discussion relating to the repairing of sidewalks and streets in the city, the city manager was instructed to notify certain property owners on Second and Fourth streets to put sidewalks in. The city attorney stated that if the owners of the property were disinclined to concede in this matter, the city could have the work done and charge the costs up to the property owners in the form of a lien.

**May Raise Dog License**

From the discussion of the matter last night, it looks as though the city might shortly rescind the ordinance which forces owners of dogs to keep them tied up during the summer months. One proposition was to increase the license fee on canines and thus rid the city of many "worthless" canine inhabitants. The commissioners all seemed to be inclined to sentiment in the matter of dogs, and next week may see some change in the city's law in this respect.

The soda water business is very fine at Silverthorn's, where you may always get just what you want served just right. Just drop in and let them serve you one of their specials.

**Silverthorn's**  
FAMILY DRUG STORE  
LA GRANDE, OREGON.

**Social and Personal**

Waite Siler, Joseph merchant, was in La Grande yesterday, returning home this morning.

W. H. Syme, of Lopezfield, has been a business visitor in La Grande since this morning.

Mrs. L. Keefer returned this morning to her home at Elgin, after a brief visit in La Grande.

Mrs. A. H. Beebe returned this morning from Pendleton, where she had visited since yesterday.

Mrs. Cora Hooper, of North Powder, came in this morning on No. 17 and spent a few hours here.

Dr. E. G. Kirby, Nigin's well known physician, visited in La Grande this week. He returned to Elgin this morning.

J. P. French and Stephen P. Goff, of Gurdane, Oregon, were visitors in town today, with business to attend to at the land office.

Mrs. J. C. Walrath leaves La Grande tonight for Columbus, Ohio, where she expects to meet her husband, who is on his way home overseas.

J. L. Alvord, district sales manager of the Galloway-Rees Company, is in Pendleton this week, showing off good points of Galloway-Rees line of auto trucks to the visitors to the automobile show in that city.

Rev. Ira R. Aldrich, accompanied by Mrs. Aldrich and daughter, spent today at Alice. Dr. Aldrich visited Alice in connection with his work as district superintendent of the M. E. church.

E. W. Cox left this morning for Baker, where he will continue in the meat business in the Grande Ronde Company's newly established branch house in that city. Mrs. Cox is remaining in La Grande for a short time and expects to leave to join her husband in Baker about the end of this month.

If you think that all stage women are "spangled hussies," see "Modern Love" Saturday and Sunday at the Star. 3-13-21

"Modern Love," a story of how a good woman can overcome scandal. Saturday and Sunday, Star theatre. 3-13-21

**MONEY TO LOAN.**  
On improved real property in Union county. No delays. Current rates. La Grande Investment Co.

**NEW TAXI LINE.**  
Neal Suydam and Clifford George, Props. Stand at Savoy hotel, Main 712. Reliable drivers, first class cars. Day and night service.—Adv.

Observer advertising will bring results.

The Girls'  
**BASKETBALL**  
Team of the La Grande High School  
Will Play the  
**WALLOWA GIRLS**  
at the High School Gym  
Saturday Evening, Mar. 15, at 8 o'clock sharp.  
Admission, 25 cents.

**FINED TWENTY-FIVE**  
Omer Lovan, arrested last night at 12:15 on Depot street in an intoxicated condition, was assessed a fine of \$25 this morning in police court. Chief Christianson picked Lovan up late in the evening, warning him, let him go again. He did not heed the chief's advice, however, and later ran foul of policemen Flexner and Smith. Lovan stated to the court that he secured his dope at local grocery stores. It was extracts of various brands that made him drunk.

**NEW TODAY**

**LOST OR STRAYED**—Black coll. mare. No marks. Wore wearing halber. Reward, Harry Hesser, Connordale Rd., p. o. box 220. 3-13-31p

**FOR SALE**—Nice four-room modern bungalow. Phone Black 1981. 3-13-31f

Anyone having tamale cups kindly return to Palace Confectionery or phone and we will call for them. 3-13-31f

**WANTED**—A waitress at the Home Restaurant. 3-13-31f

**TWO modern residences**, well located and almost new, each valued at about \$2500, and clear. Will trade one or both for residence property in Pendleton. Property offered must be worth the money. Security Land & Savings Co. 3-13-31f

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends for their kindness during the illness and passing of our wife and sister.  
A. J. HAMPTON,  
MR. AND MRS. C. E. JOHNSON,  
MR. AND MRS. C. H. LIDDEN,  
H. A. AND J. SHROPSHIRE.  
3-13-19

**LOST**—Package addressed to Mrs. Herbert E. Coalvel, Perry, Ore. Please leave at Observer office. 3-13-19

**FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE**—Ten acres, all in apples, lot 8, Thronson Fruit Colony, Union county, Oregon. There is a mortgage of \$1000. How much cash for the equity? Would trade for San Diego property. L. H. Steiger, 3955 Park Blvd., San Diego, Cal. 3-13-19

**CASE AGAINST VIOLATORS OF GAME LAWS HELD UP**  
John Wapton, the hard working game warden who is ever on the look-out over Union and Wallowa counties for violators of the state game laws, came in last night from Enterprise, where he had been for a short time. Mr. Walden had a case on the docket of the circuit court, over which Judge Knowles is presiding at Enterprise, for March 12th, when three Indians whom he found out of season with fleasly killed deer in Wallowa county, were to be tried. One of them made his escape before the trial, however, and the case against the other two can not be proceeded with until the third man is captured. Mr. Walden carries a photograph of the three hunters and their unlawfully secured trophy.

**PHONE CALLS IN YEAR 200**

WASHINGTON, March 13.—One out of every two families in the United States had a telephone in 1917, and during that year the total number of telephone calls made averaged 200 for every man, woman and child in the country. These figures are included in a preliminary report on the telephone industry of the United States, made public today by Director Rogers of the census bureau.

**COFFEE**  
A GOOD CUP OF COFFEE—  
To be a good judge of a cup of coffee you will first have to try a cup at the  
**STATE CAFE**  
After one cup you will be qualified to judge coffee. We also serve Fresh oysters—any style. Always at your service. We never close. All white help.  
Yours for Good Eats  
**STATE CAFE**  
DEPOT STREET

**TIRES—**  
Tire economy demands that you see us about your tire equipment. In Goodyear tires we offer you quality lines of unquestioned merit. Their reputation has been established by years of unflinching service. They cost no more.  
**W. H. BOHNENKAMP COMPANY**

**It's toasted**

**Back to the desk after lunch**  
Remember the delicious baked potato you had? How much flavor there was—all brought out by the cooking. Now—as you light it—notice the same thing in your  
**LUCKY STRIKE** cigarette  
It's toasted. Like the potato, the delicious flavor is brought out by "cooking" the tobacco.  
**It's toasted**  
Guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co.

**Cecil D. DeMille's**  
PRODUCTION  
**Till I Come Back to You**  
WITH  
**BRYANT WASHBURN**

Two-Act Mack Bennett Comedy,  
"WHOSE LITTLE WIFE ARE YOU?"

FRIDAY SATURDAY  
**ARCADE**  
TONIGHT—MARY PICKFORD—BETTER KUM EARLY