

TWO WATER SYSTEMS OUTLIVED IN TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS

Twenty-eight years ago La Grande was well satisfied with its water system as in vogue on that date. Old Observer files disclose the fact that the system had probably been criticized slightly, but the great majority of taxpayers were highly gratified with the plant. It seems that a fire about that time gave the system a thorough test and the supply was found not wanting.

Since the day mentioned in the "Twenty-eight Years Ago" department of today's Observer, that system has deteriorated and a new one built at an expense of about \$200,000, and today that is wholly inadequate and another to cost close to a million is being surveyed for—all in the course of twenty-eight years.

Editorially, The Observer said on November 11, 1892:

"The citizens of La Grande can congratulate themselves upon having a water system second to none in the state. The way in which Wednesday morning's fire was held in control satisfied even the most sceptical of the value of our system both in regard to its effectiveness and its worth to the town."

Other interesting bits of old time news in connection with the affairs of La Grande 28 years ago follow:

Born—In La Grande, Monday, October 31, 1892, to the wife of Charles McCrary, a daughter.

J. H. Pearce, the watchmaker, has removed his offices to the building formerly occupied by Miles and Hendricks.

J. T. Madden, a saloonkeeper at Hilgard, has left for parts unknown, leaving numerous creditors in the lurch.

The brick work on Julius Reich's new building was begun the first of the week and is rapidly nearing completion.

At a meeting of Blue Mountain Wood and Lumber company Tuesday evening, J. F. Abbott was elected

foreman and M. S. Geary first assistant foreman.

Joe Walker has been lying very ill this week with some ailment of the throat.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Buckley, on Sunday, October 30, 1892, a daughter.

Died—In La Grande, Monday, October 31, an organization known as the La Grande band. Death was painless and was brought about by collapse of the "sack." The personnel of the band at the time of its demise was as follows: R. H. Daily, Earl Stevens, W. Gilham, T. M. Lawlor, F. Leavitt, G. Tall, Edwin Thomas, J. W. Baker, W. F. Snodgrass, J. H. Snodgrass, Thos. Hoy, J. Synhorst, and W. Stevenson.

The hose company now occupy their new quarters in the Buntz building.

A lamp in the office of Receiver McClellan in the U. S. land office exploded last night and caused consternation for a while among the occupants. The flames resulted only in the loss of an overcoat.

Hon. J. M. Dolph arrived in La Grande from Union last Friday, having been driven across the valley in company with a number of enthusiastic Republicans from Union, among whom were: Judge Sanders, W. T. Wright, S. O. Swackhammer, J. Q. Shirley and several others.

Married—In Portland, Saturday, October 29, 1892, W. W. Curtis and Miss L. E. Smith, both of that city. Mr. Curtis is a La Grande boy and a first-class printer, who held a position in this office for a number of years.

J. M. Berry is erecting an addition to his residence on Adams avenue.

Born—In The Dalles, October 28,

1892, to the wife of T. W. Lawver, a son.

Billy Stevenson has severed his connection with the Union County Farmer and will leave this week for the east.

Mrs. M. H. Kirtley, who has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks, is still in a dangerous condition.

W. J. Snodgrass left this morning for Okanogan country to make arrangements for the erection of buildings preparatory to going into business there this winter.

Campaign hats do not make a desirable headress for a fire brigade judging from the appearance of numerous specimens seen on the streets Wednesday morning.

Four small buildings on Depot, between the Rogers' block and the Cottage saloon, burned at the hour of 12:20 Wednesday morning, with a loss of about \$5,000. The property was owned by W. S. Ford, of Portland, and was occupied by the City dining hall, McLaughlin & Carson, tailors, and Guld & Fitzpatrick, barber shop.

Another pioneer has passed away. This time it is John Lewis, father of William and John Lewis, residing near Summerville. His death occurred Friday morning and he was 81 years of age.

Frank B. Collins, who was taken seriously ill while making a speech at Pendleton last Saturday night, was brought to La Grande and is doing very nicely.

On account of the failure of the electric light company to comply with the demands of the council, the contract for lighting the streets has been cancelled and our city is now plunged in darkness in consequence thereof.

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News From Surrounding Localities

COLLARBONE IS BROKEN

SUMMERVILLE, June 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Della Pefferkorn happened with a very serious accident Tuesday when coming from her strawberry patch. Her horse became frightened and ran away, throwing her from the buggy, breaking her collar bone and bruising her badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ingram took their daughter, Alma, to La Grande Wednesday and had Dr. Bouvy remove her tonsils.

C. M. Hale is making use of these nice days to haul his winter's wood. A sumptuous dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horner Conrad Sunday. Plates were laid for Mrs. E. Conrad and son, Thomas, and Miss Leona Waldruff of La Grande.

Thomas Altes, who is tending creek for Mr. Pedro in the Phillips creek country, came in Thursday for supplies. He will return to camp Friday.

Paul Hensley who has been quite ill for several weeks is now much improved, but will not be able to be up for some time.

Quite a number of the Rebekkas and Odd Fellows of this place attended the Odd Fellows District association which was held in La Grande Park June 17-18.

Mrs. F. E. Woodell attended the Chautauqua in Imbler Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Miles Woodell, now has a severe cold.

Henry Wagoner of North Carolina is now visiting relatives here. Mr. Wagoner is talking of moving his family here.

Mrs. E. C. Myers is visiting relatives in Pine Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton motored to La Grande Saturday to attend to business affairs.

Mrs. Burr Slack and daughter, Burnis and Vadas, were visiting Mrs. Mary Woodell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. McRae of La Grande spent last week end at the McKee hotel.

Miss Stella Arnoldus, who was operated on last Thursday for appendicitis, is getting along as well as could be expected and will soon be able to be brought home.

Dean Becker and mother of La Grande came down and spent Sunday at their ranch north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neiderer of La Grande visited relatives in this section the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Jim Slack and Miss Violet Cobb were transacting business in Imbler Tuesday.

John Wagoner and brother, Henry Wagoner, went to Phillips creek to fish Sunday.

Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Sentenor of Cove visited Mrs. A. C. Ingram Sunday.

After a pleasant visit with relatives here Miss Dora Bickel has returned to her home in Elgin.

Mrs. Stuart Sanderson went to

Grande Ronde hospital last week and had her ears operated on.

MRS. IDA HYATT IS RECOVERING

HOT LAKE, June 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ida Hyatt, of Telocasset, who has recently undergone an operation at the hospital is recovering rapidly.

Gerry Horstkotte, now associated with the Sheelin Hickson Lumber company, at Bend, is taking a well earned rest and renewing acquaintances at the sanatorium.

Mrs. Alta Hart, whose husband is a prominent sheep man at Riggins, Idaho, is a patient at the hospital, and is doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Hart will remain here a while longer and visit old friends in the vicinity.

Allie Cash, manager of the Electrical Equipment company at Walla Walla, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho, came over for a few days to enjoy a needed rest. Mr. Cash became an ardent booster of Hot Lake and was so well pleased that he will soon return.

W. H. Burghardt, 84 years young, and an old Oregon pioneer, came here for a visit. He is one of the influential residents of Salem. Mr. Burghardt will return in September.

Stella Arnoldus, of Summerville, is a patient at the hospital.

Roscoe Kaetor, prominent attorney of Pendleton, is a patient at the hospital, and is doing fine.

John Roberts, Seattle attorney, is visiting at the sanatorium for a few days.

Hugh O. Wood, of the Wood Livestock company, of Spencer, and Mrs. Wood, have returned home after spending a few weeks at the sanatorium visiting with Dr. Phy. Mr. Wood is one of the biggest sheep men in the United States. They are frequent visitors at the sanatorium.

Mrs. Stewart A. Verry, of Spokane, is again a visitor at the sanatorium, this time with her sister, Mrs. R. C. Brooks, who is a patient in the hospital.

I. N. DAY CHOSEN AS TAX CHAIRMAN

I. N. Day, of Portland, was named chairman of the committee on tax investigation at a meeting of the committee at Salem called by Governor Olcott for the purpose of organization. Henry E. Reed, of Portland, was named vice-chairman and Coe A. McKenna, of Portland, secretary.

Other members of the committee, all of whom were present, are: E. H. Smith, of Lakeview; Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande; Charles A. Brand, of Roseburg, and C. S. Chapman, of Portland.

Hy J. Ellers filed his personal recognition with the clerk of the federal court at Portland yesterday afternoon, and was released from custody of the U. S. Marshal to continue his effort to produce the missing records of his business.

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