

# LA GRANDE'S DEBT LOWER

### City Books Show That on August 1 Per Capita Debt Was Only \$45.70

The finances of the city of La Grande are in even better shape than would appear from the figures published in the Oregon Voters Saturday and commented on in the columns of the Observer yesterday, according to J. E. Sterns, city recorder. The figures used in computing the per capita debt were obtained from the state tax commission in order that reliable figures from all parts of the state could be obtained and are necessarily several months old.

The per capita indebtedness of the city of La Grande was \$45.70 on August 1, according to the records in the city hall, the amount having been \$53.73 at the time the figures furnished the tax commission were taken.

The bonds outstanding are \$215,000 as published in the statement in the Portland weekly, but a sinking fund against the Beaver creek pipe line was not taken into consideration and this being \$29,000 now brings the net bonded debt of the city down to \$184,000. The total amount of warrants and improvement bonds outstanding on August 1 was slightly over \$132,000, making the total indebtedness of the city \$316,000 on the first of this month, instead of \$371,467 as was the case when the tax commission's figures were taken. This brings the per capita debt down to \$45.70.

If payments on improvement bonds during the first 16 days of this month are deducted the amount is still lower, as approximately \$12,000 in improvement bonds have been retired.

### TALBOT GIVES VIEWS ON GRAIN SITUATION

In the opinion of W. H. Talbot, local grain dealer, accurate estimates of wheat imports and exports are impossible at this time and Russia will probably use less wheat than has been anticipated. Mr. Talbot said, in discussing the wheat situation:

"The world's wheat situation is so decidedly complex that estimates as to imports and exports are still impossible, so far as accuracy is concerned. The extent of the drought damage in Europe is problematical. However, it might be well for American farmers to import some of that drought-stricken grain, which cables from France and the United Kingdom tell about. It seems to have gone 90 days without rain and with high temperatures during that period and yet came through all right."

"What Russia will actually get is what the charitable people of the world give it. Hoover talks of spending \$1,250,000 per month for Russian relief purchases in the United States. Rye is cheaper than wheat and corn is cheaper than rye, so perhaps the Russians will be fed on corn meal. There has been considerable corn sold of late to European countries that will be used for human consumption in some manner or other."

### STORM DOES LITTLE DAMAGE IN NIGHT

An electrical storm, accompanied by a heavy rain and wind at about eight o'clock last evening swept over La Grande. Some little wire trouble on electric light and telegraph wires was caused but it was not serious. So far as could be learned today no damage was done by the storm in the surrounding country.

A scheme is on foot for acquiring Bunker Hill in the northwest district of London, and erection on the summit of the hill a monument inscribed with the names of the regiments and commanding officers of the English and American armies who fought side by side in the late war.

### HOUSES FOR SALE

Modern, new 5-room house on paved street; full basement; wash trays; built-in features; elegant electric light fixtures; new linoleum on kitchen and bath room floors; heating plant; cement walks, in fact a new, complete home. If desired, new high grade furniture can be purchased.

Five room plastered house on Main Avenue; wired; plumbed; a large lot; shade trees; lawn. Price \$2,000. Terms, \$200 cash, balance like rent. Furniture to the value of \$300 can be purchased for \$500. This place will bear inspection. It is nicely located and is a nice, comfortable home.

Several modern five and six room houses also in good priced right. These properties will bear inspection. Terms: We are on Cote Avenue with new bath and shower.

Geo. H. Currey

# Local News In Brief

### Leaves for Enterprise—

Sheriff Lee Warnick left yesterday morning for Enterprise to spend a few days on business.

### Goes to Nampa—

Palmer Byrkit left this morning for Nampa, where he will spend the next four weeks.

### Undergoes Operation—

Clair McKennon, twelve-year-old son of Floyd McKennon, underwent an operation this morning at the Grande Ronde Hospital, Dr. Richardson performing the operation.

### Leaves for Gibbon—

Ed Olsen left this morning for Gibbon to take charge of a gang of men working this morning at the Grande Ronde Hospital, Dr. Richardson performing the operation.

### Arrives from Pendleton—

John Doan arrived yesterday morning from Pendleton to spend a few days in La Grande visiting with his brother, Earl Doan, and also to transact business.

### Here from Portland—

C. E. Allen, traveling auditor for the O.-W., is in town for a few days on business and is stopping at the Sommer hotel.

### Band to Play—

The La Grande Band, under the leadership of Andrew Loney, will give a public concert this evening on the Foley corner at 7:45.

### Leaves for Alice—

Miss Ina May Webster left this morning on the branch for her home in Alice after spending a few days in La Grande visiting with Miss Edith Patten.

### Goes to Baker—

Mrs. Walter Mink and small son left last evening for their home in Baker after spending the day in La Grande with Mrs. Mink's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Kimmel.

### Return from Portland—

Mrs. Charles Gump and daughter arrived last evening from Portland where they have been for the last ten days visiting with friends and relatives.

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### COMING EVENTS.

Sept. 4.—K. O. M. Association picnic at Riverside Park.

Sept. 26 to Oct. 1.—Oregon State Fair, Salem.

Oct. 13.—Kright's Templar, grand commandery, La Grande.

Nov. 8 to 18.—National Grange meeting, Portland.

Nov. 21 to 26.—Pacific International Exposition, Portland.

### Here From Idaho—

Miss Clara Allen, of Parma, Idaho, is spending a few days in the city visiting relatives.

### Will Visit Ritter Family—

Mrs. Leon Hitchcock of Seattle arrived today to visit her sister, Mrs. H. J. Ritter, and family.

### Contractor Here—

G. H. Sutherland, of Walla Walla, a plumbing contractor, is in La Grande today on business. He had a number of large contracts here a number of years ago.

### On Way To Enterprise—

Miss Vesta Kruse, of Roseburg, arrived last evening and was a guest at the Savoy hotel. She left this morning for Enterprise to remain a few days.

### Mrs. Pearce and Son Home—

Mrs. William Pearce and son, Jack, arrived home from Portland this morning after spending the past months in the lower country with friends and relatives.

### Portland Looking Better—

According to George Cochran, who returned this morning after spending several days in Portland and the state water department, said things in the lower country are beginning to brighten up. He says business in Portland seems quite a little firmer.

### Has Birthday—

Everett Bennett, the genial collector of city subscriptions for the Observer, is celebrating his seventeenth birthday today. One of his friends presented him with a birthday cake which he proceeded to eat and share with the office force. Here's hoping his birthdays will come of age.

### Roy Conklin Over From Union—

While loafing during the summer months Roy Conklin runs around a good deal. Yesterday he was over to La Grande investigating a number of things connected with education. He is superintendent of the Union city schools and will hold forth there this year.

### Ad Club Heads Meet—

Affairs of the reorganized Ad club as it pertains to the future were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Ad club last evening. Many vital matters are before the club at the present time for immediate action and the prospects of a successful year were bright. The committee directed the immediate collection of all membership dues to the first of September in order that necessary finances for launching the fall and winter work may be attained.

### Leaves for North Powder—

Miss Lula Mulkey left this morning for North Powder to spend two weeks visiting with Mrs. Oscar Jacobson.

### Leaves for Wallawa—

Miss Grace Gibbs of Ukiah left this morning for Wallawa to spend some time visiting with friends.

### Arrived from Portland—

Miss Marian Smith arrived this morning from Portland, where she has been for the past few days visiting with friends.

### Here from Portland—

F. P. Stacey of Portland, traveling for a tobacco firm, is in town on business for a few days and is stopping at the Sommer hotel.

### Leaves for Baker—

W. Ransom left this morning for Richland, where he is to take charge of the work on the highway that is being built through there.

### Here from Baker—

H. B. Clement of Baker, a railway mail clerk for the O.-W., is in town on business for a few days and is stopping at the Sommer hotel.

### Here from Portland—

F. L. Wendt of Portland, representing the Pacific Coast Cracker company, is in town on business for a few days. Mr. Wendt is registered at the Sommer hotel.

### Goes to Baker—

Mrs. John Shea of Portland, who has been in La Grande for the past few days visiting with friends, left this morning for Baker to visit until Friday.

### Leaves for Enterprise—

Mrs. W. E. Hays and children left this morning for their home in Enterprise after a two weeks' visit at Telocast with her sister Mrs. T. O. Barwell.

### Here from Walla Walla—

R. D. Bollerman of Walla Walla, Washington, with the Walla Walla Lumber company, is in town for a few days on business and is stopping at the Sommer hotel.

### Here from Enterprise—

H. L. Browning of Enterprise, of the Oregon Grocery Company, is in town for a few days on business. Mr. Browning is registered at the Sommer hotel.

### Here on Business—

Stanley E. Bray, better known as the "little traveling man" of Spokane, with the Holley Mason Hardware Co. is in town for a few days on business and is registered at the Sommer hotel.

### Here from Portland—

Harry A. Meier of Portland, of the M. Sells & Company, arrived last evening to spend a few days in La Grande transacting business. Mr. Meier is stopping at the Sommer hotel.

### Will Hold Ice Cream Social—

Beginning at 3 o'clock this afternoon and lasting until 8:00, the Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold an old-time Ice Cream Social on the Curry lawn, at 1710 Fourth street. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Return from Vacation Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jester have returned from a trip to Astoria, Seaside, Rockaway and Agate Beaches. On their trip they stopped at Portland for several days. They report a most delightful time.

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## MAE KEEFER LEADS CONTEST

Interest in the Labor Queen contest being put on by the committee in charge of the Labor Day celebration to be held here September 5 is increasing. Last night the ballot boxes were opened again and a count made of the ballots cast so far. The following is the result of the count:

Mae Keefer, 7194; Myrtle Mason, 6462; Freda Klopfenstein, 2198; Betty Cochran, 1741; Inez Hughes, 1572; Georgia Wade, 1513; Wanda Smith, 1405; Constance Cleaver, 1010; Nellie Preston, 1005 and Opal Bradshaw, 1005.

### Return from Fishing Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Paxton and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mayberry returned Saturday from a two weeks fishing and camping trip twenty-five miles on the other side of Cove on the Big Minam. The trip was made from Cove on horseback and a wonderful time was had by the campers.

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