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Big Lumber Plant Will be Built at Lone Pine; Means Another Big Pay Roll to be Spent Here

LADD CANYON TIMBER TRACT IS PURCHASED

Masters-Ewald Holdings Become Part of the Big Transaction

FACTORY LOCATED AT LONE PINE SIDING

Lumber Box Factory Plant to Become a Part of the New Enterprise—Saw Mill in Canyon will be in Operation—Work Starts on the Project at Once.

One of the most refreshing things that has happened in many years took place this morning when an announcement was made that all details of a big lumber deal had been finished, and that La Grande was to be the beneficiary of another big pay roll.

W. E. Moore, president and general manager of the Timber Box and Lumber Company, returned from Detroit, Michigan, to day where he completed negotiations covering purchase from the Union Trust company of Detroit their Ladd Canyon timber and saw mill holdings, which were formerly known as the Masters-Ewald Lumber company property.

The proposition embraces about 3700 acres containing approximately 55,000,000 feet of pine timber. Other holdings in this vicinity which will probably be taken over will bring the entire timber transaction up to a 1,000,000 feet, including the forest reserve timber available.

The purchase made from the Detroit Trust company carried all of the land and timber, a seven-foot Phoenix band saw mill now on the property and 20 acres of ground at Lone Pine on the railroad for yards and planer and box factory locations.

According to the plans a most modern planer and box factory will be erected at Lone Pine which will be well established from the moment it starts operation because Mr. Moore and his lumber plant will become an important part of the new institution, thus turning the present standing of the Timber box factory to the new company.

Work will be started to dismantle the lumber plant and remove it to the new location as soon as the log supply on hand is cut up and marketed which will only require a few weeks. This plant has been the subject of comment among the mill men for some time because of its thoroughly modern equipment including the best wood working machines that can be secured. Other machines

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Gerald Ebell Killed While on Duty at Unity During The Heavy Snow Storm

EUROPE SAYS U. S. MUST GIVE HER AID

Influential London Paper Says Arms Reduction Accomplished

AMERICA ALONE CAN STABILIZE CREDIT

Foreign Credits Needed Urgently in Germany Says Chancellor's Note

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Unless the United States shoulders the burden of world finance, only a miracle can avert the financial catastrophe ever drawing nearer, the Sunday Times declared Sunday.

It regards the limitation of armaments as an accomplished fact, for which it gives credit to the United States and says it hoped that the Americans will display equal courage and foresight in coping with the menace of world finance.

"America alone can stabilize credit by devising some scheme for financing the nations hovering on the brink of insolvency," it says.

"No one imagines Germany is able to pay 500,000,000 gold marks January 15. In the event of her failure to do so, the difficulties to French finance may prove insuperable, and if France follows Germany into bankruptcy, the crash may well bring down the whole edifice of European credit."

U. S. May Lose. "In such an event the United States will suffer incalculable losses. The only way out is for America to observe the precedent set by the Bank of England when it saved American credit in a minor crisis by drawing gold from the world to loan where it was most needed."

"America holds the world's gold today. The time is short, for should Germany fail to pay, France may march into the Ruhr region and then who can say what disarmament pro-

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Gerald Ebell, brakeman on the O. W. was killed yesterday while attending to his duties as brakeman during the heavy storm. He was walking along side of an engine at Unity where the train had been switching when he fell in the snow and rolled under the engine.

His body was badly mangled but he was rescued and rushed to the hospital at Baker where for a short time it was thought his life might be saved. The shock was too great however, and in a few hours he died.

Gerald Ebell was well known in La Grande where he has lived for a number of years. He was prominent in several lodges and in railroad men's organizations. A wife survives him.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ebell, of Baker county, and was raised on the Ebell ranch west of Baker. His parents are very old and it is feared the boy's death will have a dangerous effect on the father, who while being one of the sturdy, pioneer characters of Eastern Oregon, has reached the age when such tragedies are dangerous to his health.

General sorrow spread among the railroad men when the sad news was received in La Grande. The funeral will be held in Baker.

SUNDAY HOLIDAY UPHOLD

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Declaring Sunday a "sanctified holiday," four state supreme court justices gave an opinion today that "it is a law of nature that one day in seven must be observed as a day of relaxation and refreshment, if not public worship."

"Experience has shown that the observance of one day in seven as a day of rest is of admissible service to the state, considered merely as a civil institution," said the opinion, it agreed with a plaintiff who contended the term "exclusive of holidays" in the billing shipment terms of the interstate commerce commission embraced Sundays.

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AGGIES AND U. OF O. IN TIED GAME

Game Played on Muddy Field Ends Scoreless Saturday

SEE-SAW BATTLE THROUGHOUT GAME

Tie was Sixth in History of Two Schools' Big Contests During 25 Years.

EUGENE, Nov. 21.—In a game in which the University of Oregon fought the Oregon Agricultural College and both sides fought the common enemy, mud, the ancient rivalry in the annual contest Saturday struggled through four periods without a score. This was the sixth tie between the teams in the 25 games they have played.

With mud plastered all over them and in their eyes the players had to stop again and again.

The contest resolved itself in the last period into a punting duel between Leslie of the Oregon team and Gill of the Aggie team.

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RULES OF WAR MAY ALSO BE REVISED SOON

British Have Announced Willingness to Abandon Spheres of Influence in China

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—If the negotiations here to limit armament succeed, they may foreshadow a further conference of world-wide scope to recast rules for warfare.

Naval authorities consider some understanding on questions like the use of submarines and gas a natural complement to any agreement on armament limitation and they believe it impracticable for the five powers to attempt to put such regulations into effect without "indifferent generally by all the nations."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Great Britain is officially on record as willing to abandon spheres of influence and exclusive territorial privileges in China.

Attention was directed by the British delegation spokesman today to a statement made in the house of commons by Under Secretary Harmsworth of the foreign office, who said: "The policy of spheres of influence in China has been superseded by one of international co-operation and the further development of this policy will no doubt form one of the subjects of discussion at Washington."

This formal statement is regarded by the British delegates of the utmost importance in its bearings upon the proceedings of the conference.

LECTURE IS POSTPONED

The Irish lecture which was to have been given tonight at the high school auditorium by William L. Quinn has been postponed because Rev. Quinn was unable to reach La Grande. He also has been ordered to New York to attend the funeral of Monsignor Ketchum, a prominent Irish leader of the east, who died a few days ago. The lecture will be given in La Grande in about a month.

SATURDAY NIGHT



LANDSLIDE IN CASCADES DELAYS ALL TRAINS AND DEMORALIZES WIRE SERVICE

LARGE FLOOD IN MISSOURI KILLED FOUR

Tornado of Friday Followed by Flood Yesterday; Many Left Homeless

POPULAR BLUFFS, Mo., Nov. 21.—High water in the Black river and the St. Francis river Sunday night was at flood stage in the vicinity of North Poplar Bluff as the result of a tornado and a rainfall Friday night Greenville, in Wayne county, is isolated by two rivers and Piedmont is under water.

The water at Piedmont Saturday night forced about 20 families to leave their homes. Great loss to property and crops has been reported.

The tornado which struck here Friday night killing four people and injuring about 50, caused property damage estimated at one hundred thousand dollars. Between 40 and 50 houses within an area of 40 miles were demolished as well as a number of outbuildings. Sunday men, women and children started rebuilding many of the homes.

The heavy rains in the Ozark mountains during the storm showed their effects Saturday night and Sunday when the streams poured down to the lowland and flooded much territory.

The Black river here has reached the flood stage of 17 feet. Workmen Sunday night were throwing up reserve embankments in North Poplar Bluff.

The St. Louis-San Francisco line between Poplar Bluff and Puxico and Cape Girardeau is out of service, and trains are being detoured over the Missouri Pacific.

Railroad Service Over Blue Mountains is Maintained During Storm; Coast Towns Suffer Damage Through Ice and Snow

Through traffic between Portland and La Grande is badly demoralized because of the landslide near The Dalles. Trains are being detoured via Yakima and Tacoma, which will result in a delay of from 15 to 18 hours, according to announcement at the O. W. R. & N. offices here today. Train No. 24 was made up at Pendleton today and was due here at 2:45 p. m. No report had been received as to the time when No. 24 leaving Portland last night would arrive.

Trouble Near Portland

PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—Precipitation here yesterday totaled between 3 and 4 inches and streams in this section are bankful and rising. Eight trains are marooned along the Columbia river. Efforts to reach them by boat failed yesterday. The snow east of the Cascades turned into sleet yesterday.

Train, telegraph and telephone service to Portland is demoralized today as the result of a land slide near The Dalles. All O. W. R. & N. trains are being detoured and telegraph service between La Grande and Portland is being made via Salt Lake City and San Francisco, necessitating bad delays.

The heavy snow Saturday night and Sunday between Cascade Locks and Hood River delayed O. W. R. & N. train No. 24, due here yesterday at 11 a. m., arriving at about 7:30 p. m.

At the local offices of the railroad it was announced this morning that in spite of the heavy fall of snow in the Blue Mountains trains were operating over the mountains throughout the storm, without delays being suffered, call delays having been caused west of the mountains.

Snow at Kamela. At Kamela 44 inches of snow fell Saturday and Sunday. At Telocasset a heavy fall of snow was also reported but no delay was caused by trains, all train from the east arriving practically on time the past few days.

In La Grande snow ceased falling

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ELGIN LEGION POST TO HAVE BIG SMOKER

ELGIN, Nov. 21.—American Legion Post No. 37 will hold a smoker Tuesday night, November 29, with Ad Gustav and Carl Nelson as the feature attraction in a wrestling match. A purse of \$500 has been made up.

A high class and furious contest is expected as both men are good wrestlers and very aggressive, each man having performed a number of times in this city in the past.

Some of the best local talent will also be on the program during the evening, among whom are Bill Nelson and Gate, the butcher; Tobey Christensen vs. Bradford, the barber, and two snappy-looking matches are assured. Iver Simonsen, athletic director of the legion post here, is in charge of the evening.

POSTMASTER EXAMINATION IS SCHEDULED

The U. S. civil service commission has announced that an open competitive examination for postmaster will be held in La Grande, the salary of the office being \$3,000 per year, and the vacancy occurring January 24, 1922. While the vacancy will probably be filled through this examination it is possible that if it is found in the interest of the service to fill the vacancy by transfer or promotion of some one already in the competitive classified list. The date of the examination is December 13.

Sidewalks Must be Clean by Tomorrow Morning

City officials this morning issued an ordinance to give residents a warning that all residents must clean the extra length of time in clean their sidewalks of snow from which to clean their walks so that they may be ready when the police department begins covering snow on sidewalks with marking arrests to no one can say that 12 hours of the cessation of a snow they were ignorant of the provisions and the snow must be removed. Fine or imprisonment of either or both is the penalty for failure to obey the ordinance.

Child Accuses Father of Slaying Three People

WILMINGTON, Ohio, Nov. 12.—Oliver Vandervort, 31, was being held under a murder charge Sunday following a triple murder at Cuba, a village near here, Saturday night.

Those killed were Bertha Whitlow Vandervort, 31, his divorced wife and mother of Vandervort's three children; Mrs. Jeff Whitlow, 57, mother of Mrs. Vandervort, and Edward Boster, 24, said to have been called on Mrs. Vandervort.

Mrs. Whitlow, before the authorities, declared Vandervort committed the murders. The police say that when Vandervort came to her while intoxicated and started a quarrel which ended in the shooting.

Redney Wallace, a farmer living near the Whitlow home, informed the authorities that Vandervort, while crazed by drink, shot at him Saturday night.

was not responsible for the triple murder and that he is the victim of circumstances in having been found at the Whitlow home.

Asked by the authorities who did the shooting, Oliver Vandervort, aged 16, said: "Papa did it."

The three small Vandervort children were the only witnesses. When the police arrived Vandervort was sitting in the house holding his youngest child, a baby.

Vandervort told the authorities that after the shooting he attempted to attract the attention of neighbors by shooting a revolver four times into the ground. Another revolver, which had not been fired, was found in Vandervort's automobile. No trace was found of the gun with which the murders were committed.

Vandervort and his wife had been

Vandervort told the authorities he desired mercy.