

ALL THIS WEEK WE OFFER

1-2 Off Women's COATS

1-3 Off Women's Dresses and Suits

1-4 Off Men's - Boys' Suits and Overcoats

1-4 Off Men's and Women's Shoes

Hill's Dep't Store

MILL PAYROLLS OVER MILLION

Sawmills Contribute Much to the Prosperity of La Grande, Ad Club is Told.

Interesting word pictures of sawmill payrolls in and about La Grande; the men employed; the expenditure for groceries, hay, grain, etc., and a general resume of the lumber business and its relation to the prosperity of Union county.

were graphically drawn by Norman Freese, of the George Palmer Lumber company, at the last Tuesday meeting of the Ad club, when the first "Payroll Period" was enjoyed. Mr. Freese said: "La Grande's importance as an industrial center first came to my attention shortly after I arrived here some 10 years ago, through a large sign board that stood near the old Wenaha Lumber company, and which is now the home of the retail department of the Grande Ronde Lumber company. On this sign the statement was made that La Grande was a city with the second highest payroll in the state of Oregon. To a new comer this seemed a broad statement, but after becoming acquainted with the large employment given by the railroad

company, lumber companies, flour mills, and other smaller industries, it could readily be backed up. Payroll Over Million. "As regards the benefit this community derives from the lumber companies located here; with the assistance of Earl Stoddard of the Grande Ronde Lumber company, I wish to present a few figures for your attention. In the year 1919 the Grande Ronde Lumber company and the George Palmer Lumber company, paid to its employees in salaries and wages over one million two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1920 their payroll ran over one million two hundred and sixty-two thousand dollars. Men Employed Number Over 800. "Supplies bought locally which include groceries, hay, grain, butter, meat and many other items, will annually average over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The number of men employed in the mills at La Grande and Perry will average 300 from month to month and when business conditions allow for the operation of a night shift, the average will reach 400. In the logging camps during 1919 and 1920 we had on our monthly payrolls as high as 500 men. Making a total of from 800 to 900 men.



RING THE BELL

for the New Year and the new loaf of bread baked by Macpherson. Here's the loaf you have been waiting for all last year. A loaf that's light, white, pure, soft and delicious as angel cake, fine in texture, crisp and wholesome. Sold by best merchants in Union County, 10c. Boston Brown Bread, each 15c

Macpherson's Bakery

LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK advertisement with decorative border and text: NEW IDEAS and higher ideals mark the beginning of an era in banking...

THE OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE—by Condo.



ated that "facts brought to our attention warrant a different verdict." It was shown that actual sales at sawmills cutting southern pine showed an average reduction from \$61.50 to \$20.71 since March 1920, and the fir in the northwest was reduced on an average from \$44.15 to \$11.94, a deflation in price exceeding that of any other building material. It was shown conclusively that there was no profiteering at the sawmill and that present rail rates were more than the traffic could bear profitably. "Considering these statements you can see that for our prosperity, and yours, we must have reduced freight rates and an increase in wholesale prices in order to put the local lumber mills back to a normal operating basis."

TELOCASET HAS X-MAS PROGRAM

(Special to The Observer) TELOCASET, Dec. 26.—The school gave a good program for Christmas. The exercises were held on Friday evening, December 23. This gave the teachers, Mrs. Stiles and Mrs. Laws, a chance to spend Christmas at home, a privilege which everyone prizes so much at this time of the year. Santa was present and the teachers provided treats for all school children and the little folks present. Mrs. Harry Starr, who has been very ill for the past few days, is improving and will soon be out again. Dr. Schuster of Union was out to see Mrs. Harry Starr last Friday. Several of the little folks have been sick with very sore mouths and throats. Some have been quite sick. Mrs. Daniels is expected home in the next few days. She has been visiting in Washington for some months. Jess Stiles was a Telocaset visitor on Wednesday. One of the features for the Christmas program is the dialogue "Finnegan's Flat." Two very talented leading characters are Pat and Biddy.

Arms Picket



were also there. Games were played and refreshments were served. A good time was enjoyed by all. A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in honor of their daughter, Miss Eva, who was seventeen years old that day. Several of her young friends were present. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a good time. Mrs. Young was doing her Christmas shopping in Baker recently. Mr. Matthews has rented the house recently vacated by the Walman family.

Oiled Axles Stop Friction. Wheels with ordinary axles actually run on films of oil. When the axle is placed under the microscope its surface, which to the eye is smooth, really is covered with depressions and humps. So, too, with the inside of the hub of the wheel. If the wheel were allowed to run without oil the humps on the axle and on the hub would rub together and cause friction. This would cause the axle and hub to become heated and expand and stick.

SAN-TOX PINE BALSAM advertisement with image of a woman's face and text: "with Menthol and Eucalyptus For cough and bronchial colds—take San-Tox Pine Balsam. It loosens congestion and soothes irritated tissues. A safe remedy for children—and effective for grownups."

L. & L. DRUG STORE advertisement with San-Tox logo.

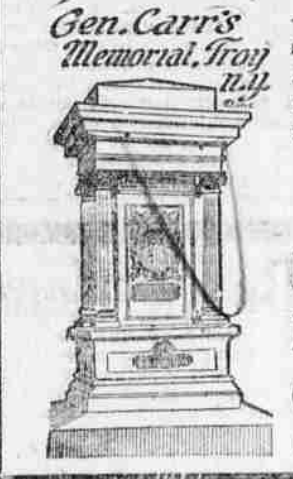
TREES AND SHRUBS advertisement for Washington Nursery Co. with image of a tree.

COVER STAGE advertisement for Weimer Bros. with text: "Passengers, Freight Daily Trips from Savoy Hotel"

Licensed Plumber Work Guaranteed ART'S Plumbing and Repair Shop advertisement.

TAXI advertisement: "Call Main 44" with text: "We make all calls promptly. You do not have to wait. We do all kinds of country driving. Reasonable Rates. Careful Drivers. FORD & GEORGE Main 44"

This monument, erected to the memory of Joseph Bradford Carr, in Oakwood Cemetery, New York, is a combination of classic and modern ideas in monument work.



Gen. Carr's Memorial, Troy, N.Y. —We have made a profound study of monument building, and an order placed in our hands is sure to receive faithful, intelligent execution. We Will Gladly Furnish Estimates

Blue Mountain Marble & Granite Company. 1502 S Ave., La Grande, Or.

Repairing and Wiring advertisement for H. & S. ELECTRIC CO. with text: "Anything Electrical" and address: "105 Depot Street Phone 393 W"

Brunswick advertisement with image of a gramophone and text: "When You Both Love Music" and "EASTERN OREGON MUSIC CO."

Union-La Grande AUTO STAGE advertisement: "La Grande Headquarters: L. & L. Drug Store Union Headquarters: New Union Hotel Connections made with Union-Baker Stage P. G. DeLap, Mgr."

Runyan's advertisement: "Sign Service Auto Painting-- The modern kind that lasts" and "A Guarantee With Every Stroke of the Brush and the Guarantee is Good. Runyan In Hug's Garage"

Some Bargains advertisement with text: "A beautiful home on corner of U and Greenwood, 9 room modern house. Price \$4200. A mortgage of \$900 can be assumed. \$1500 cash will handle it, balance can be arranged." and "720 acres in lower Cove, about 5 miles east from Alcega. Good improvements. Price \$14,000, \$4000 cash, balance to suit purchaser."