

# Local News In Brief

**Any La Grande subscriber to the Observer who does not receive his paper by 8 o'clock in the evening, please call Western Union, Main 24, and a special messenger will deliver a copy.**

**Week-End Here—**  
Miss Ann Shall, of Wallawa, is spending the week-end in La Grande with Mrs. E. C. Tuckey.

**At Savoy—**  
Ethel Barker, prominent young lady of Elgin, registered at the Savoy last night.

**Cave Man Here—**  
D. Loren, a well-known Cave resident, is visiting in La Grande today and during his stay he is stopping at the Savoy.

**At Foley—**  
Arthur Hallgarth and S. A. Campbell, two prominent business men of Elgin, are in La Grande today. They are registered at the Foley.

**Returned Home—**  
E. G. Brown returned to Enterprise this morning after a short business visit here and he also visited with Judge and Mrs. J. W. Knowles of this city during his stay.

**Left for Elgin—**  
Mrs. A. Neukirchner, accompanied by Mrs. L. B. Weitzer, left this morning for Elgin, where they will spend a few days with friends and relatives in that city.

**Basketball Team—**  
Coach Lodel and eight members of the high school basketball team boarded the branch line train this morning, bound for Elgin, where they will play tonight.

**Mother Seriously Ill—**  
Ramona Roe passed through here en route to Enterprise to see her mother, Mrs. O. J. Roe, of that city, who is very seriously ill. Mrs. Roe endeavored to charter a special train yesterday but was unable to get there until this morning.

**Uncle Jay Returns Home—**  
Uncle Jay Stevens returned home after a few days' stay at the Grande Ronde hospital following an operation for cataract. Under the skillful care which he received he is steadily improving and is now ready to meet his friends.

**Bitton in Town—**  
Frank Hilton, who operated the present Hux's garage under the name of Hilton's garage until recently, is in La Grande for several days on business. Hilton is now located in Portland, where he is in the garage business.

**HOOK ON THESE PRICES AND SAVE MONEY**

Bananas, per lb.	14c
Almond Nuts, per lb.	30c
Brazil Nuts, per lb.	27c
Walnuts, per lb.	35c
Grape Fruit, med. each	12c
Grape Fruit, large, each	15c
Oranges, per doz.	50c
Oranges, business, doz.	27c

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**Is Improving—**  
Mrs. Fred Arnett, who was operated on Monday at the Grande Ronde hospital is somewhat better today.

**Back to Telocaset—**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Briggs, returned to their home in Telocaset this afternoon on No. 24. They have been in La Grande on business also doing some shopping.

**Moves to Baker—**  
Mrs. W. A. McMaster and her little son, William, boarded No. 24 today, bound for Baker. She has made her home in La Grande in the past but intends to locate in Baker.

**Leave for Kamela—**  
Peter Beaver has left for Kamela, where he is now working on the helper. His family expects to leave as soon as suitable living quarters can be found there.

**Leaves for Union—**  
Mrs. E. B. Holman and her little daughter, Helen, boarded No. 24 today on route to Union, where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lettridge of that city for some time.

**Leaves for Hinkley—**  
Mrs. M. T. Matott, sister of Mrs. Rose Fox of this city, left this morning on No. 17 for her home in Hinkley, Oregon. She has been visiting here for a few days with her sister and reports a delightful time.

**To Go by Car—**  
J. S. Robinson, who makes his home at Burley, Idaho, registered at the Sommer hotel last night. He will be here until his car arrives and then he will return to his home overland. He has been visiting several points in Oregon and came here from Pendleton.

**Hope for Full Recovery—**  
Rev. A. R. Sifton has received word from the hospital authorities of the government that his son Paul who is confined in a Tacoma hospital because of disability incurred in war service, has received permission to go to Portland for an operation which is expected to restore him to his full health.

**Scouts to Go to Union—**  
The Boy Scouts will take a basketball team over to Union Wednesday night in company with the Comets, who will play the Union American Legion team. A team has not been selected to meet the scouts but it will probably be picked from the seventh and eighth grades.

**Apartment Sold—**  
Contracts have just been signed, whereby Joe C. Kelley, one of La Grande's well-known citizens, takes possession of the H. C. Lawyer apartment house at 1912 Second street. Mr. Lawyer, who formerly resided in La Grande, but is now at Patahsola, Ohio, has disposed of most of his interests here, but in a letter to the La Grande Investment company, who closed this deal, Mr. Lawyer states he still considers La Grande his home and expects to return some time in the future.

**Fire Small Here—**  
A night before last at about seven o'clock the home of Adolph Siegert at 1611 Fifth street caught fire from a defective fuse. The fire department rushed to the scene and quickly extinguished the blaze. No damage was done. Last night at 9:30 another fire alarm was turned in. The home of Clyde Beffing on 1604 Seventh street had been set ablaze by a defective fuse.

but the fire, which gained practically no headway, was quickly put out. As in the above case, no damage was done.

**Union Lawyer Here—**  
L. Z. Terrall, prominent Union Lawyer, was a La Grande visitor today on business. He reports that the thermometer, supposed to be authentic, at the experimental farm, has registered but eight below during the cold spell.

**Mrs. Siegrist Better—**  
Mrs. Herman Siegrist, who was taken suddenly ill is improving although her condition is still serious. She was operated upon at Hot Lake Friday.

**Mr. Grady Improving—**  
H. C. Grady, who has been seriously ill, is improving steadily and will soon be up and hearty. He is at his home at present under skillful care.

**To Visit Daughter—**  
Mrs. Ray Logan of this city, left today for Hot Lake, where she will visit her daughter, Marjorie, who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis. She was seriously ill for a time but is steadily improving.

## RAPID GROWTH OF TENT CITY

(By Associated Press)  
MEXIA, TEXAS, Jan. 20.—Overnight a tented city arose. From apparently sleepy little town of 3,000 population in October 1921, where old settlers farmed for a living and eked out a bare existence from their lands; where they rode cow horses to "town" and hitched them to a hitching post and where even the Town Hall bell had not tolled for years because of the cob webs and bird nests—to a bustling city of 20,000 people, and all in few months, this is the recent record of Mexia, an old time Texas town, which is feeling the effects of one of the numerous oil developments in Southwest.

The population now consists of an assortment of oil field followers and thousands of men and women seeking employment, leaving an old field for the new, coming on trains from all parts of the United States, or in wagons, trucks or horseback, some bringing their assortment of household goods and camping out fits and finding from ten to a hundred men for every job, and no place available for spending the night.

Consequently because of the exorbitant prices charged for a room, if one were lucky enough to secure one, hundreds of men, favored by the long-continued mild winter are sleeping on the grass along railroad tracks, public parking places and, in fact, wherever they could. Overnight a bed in a tent market "A place to flop" soared from 50 cents a night to \$1. A night in a crude plank structure where one didn't know his bed-fellow, or the hundreds of others in the same room cost \$5. Prices charged the few who were lucky enough to get in one of the few private dwellings vary, but all were high enough to satisfy the most fastidious millionaire. But men are glad to get a bed at any price and many could not find shelter except that provided by nature.

Rail traffic jumped hundreds of percent. There are two trunk lines, the Houston & Texas Central and the Trinity and Brazos Valley heading through here and passenger traffic is very heavy while freight trains are frequently seen running three abreast, so heavy is the demand for oil machinery. One road is said to have spent \$600,000 in enlarging its facilities. The water situation is not alto-

gether what could be desired. The water was procured from a spring a short distance from town, and although good water, it was nearly as high in price as gasoline. Some oil men however, came along and drilled an oil well right side by side with the spring, "tapping" the water supply so badly that lately it has been entirely stopped. Water wagons have been requisitioned and although they are busy all day and night hauling water to homes, restaurants and improvised "bunking" houses, they are not sufficient to cover the field.

Consequently the town has been declared "very unsanitary" by citizens in heated arguments at the meetings of the city council, which is making every effort to remedy the situation. Mayor Riddle informed the irate citizens that this "could not be done overnight."

Getting a bath here is quite an experience, if indeed not a task. The old saying "if you want to do something big—wash an elephant," certainly has found parallel in Mexia. This luxury may be found, outside the woodland creeks, only in a downtown barber shop. The bath house is a stall in a wooden-floored plank enclosure. Just plain pine planks are slippery, but the proprietors of the house have found that it is not necessary to maintain first aid kits because the board floors are warped enough to allow the bather a foothold. "Cleanliness, after all, is next to godliness," but a bath in Mexia is next to impossible.

But as for oil. There are a solid six miles of new derricks, drillers outfits, tents, wooden buildings and people where once there was the open prairie. A survey of all local lumber men show that buildings completed or contracted for since October 1, totals between \$3,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

Gambling and drinking halls filled with dancing girls are open every night, and one may buy openly "red" or a "corn" whiskey at 50 cents a drink. There is no effort at closing them. The Winter Garden is the most flourishing of these. Here it is said fortunes have been lost overnight at the dice and roulette tables.

## CONDUCTORS MEET AGAIN

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 21.—This city has been selected as the 1922 triennial convention city of the Grand Division, Order of Railway Conductors of America, according to word received by the Cleveland Chamber from L. E. Sheppard, president of the organization, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

"The convention will open sessions May 1 and will continue from three to four weeks," A. J. Kennedy, manager of the Convention Board of the Chamber of Commerce said. "Upwards of 500 delegates from throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada will attend."

Local members of conductors' organization will make a strenuous effort to induce the convention to select Cleveland as its permanent headquarters.

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ters and to move its offices here from Cedar Rapids, it was reported. Should this be done, Cleveland then will become the headquarters of all four railroad brotherhoods—the Brotherhood of Engineers, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers headquarters already being there.

## NEW TODAY

**WANTED—**Middle-aged lady for general housework. Call 145-R. 1-21-21

**RETURNING To Siberian Gold Fields**  
Can stake you a rich placer claim Address: Edgar Young, Colman Dock, Seattle. 1-21-17

**MAN OR WOMAN WANTED—**Salary \$40 weekly, full time, \$1.00 hour for spare time, selling guaranteed hosiery to wear. Experience unnecessary. International Knitting Mills, C175, Norristown, Pa. 1-21-17

**FOR SALE—**One Anderson Steam Vulcanizer. A bargain. Come to Elgin and investigate same. Fred White, Elgin, Oregon. 1-20-21

**FOR SALE—**Rhode Island Reds, pure bred chickens, \$3.50 to \$5.00 f. o. b. Cove, Oregon. Inquire C. A. Smith, Cove, Oregon. 1-20-21

**FOR SALE—**White Leghorn Pullets—\$1.00 apiece. Phone 181-W. 1-21-21

**FOR SALE—**Pure blood Rhode Island Red Cocker. Phone Farmers 145 1-21-21

**WANTED—**Information as to address of James J. Hughes, at one time of Pendleton, Oregon. Address E. W. Spalding, National Metropolitan Bank Bldg., Washington, D. C. 1-21-21

**HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER** of pound cans Idaho Honey for sale at 141 cents per pound. William MacGing, 1418 Monroe. 1-21-21

**FOR SALE—**Four head of milk cows Phone Farmers 504. 1-21-21

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