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BIG CONCERN PURCHASES PALMER MILL

Bowman-Hicks Company of Kansas City Take Over the Property

CHANGE MADE AT 6 O'CLOCK TUESDAY

Heavy Operation to Follow—Present Crews in Plant and Woods to Remain With New Owners.

When the six o'clock whistle at the George Palmer company's lumber mill sounded last evening it told of a change of ownership of the big plant and timber holdings, for on that hour the manufacturing plant in La Grande and 10,000 acres of timber land located in Union and Walla Walla counties passed from the ownership of the company that created this industrial plant to the Bowman-Hicks company, one of the largest and most successful lumber manufacturing concerns in the country.

The sale has been pending for several weeks, the Bowman-Hicks people securing an option to buy last August at which time they placed their engineers and inspectors on the property. When the deal was finally made it included the physical property—plant and standing timber—along with the good will and business standing of the George Palmer company, but did not include the stock of the company.

New Manager Here.

H. S. Ashby, new manager, with his family, are in La Grande, and today he took active charge of the plant.

Mr. Ashby in speaking of the Bowman-Hicks company said: "This is one of the old-lumber companies operating in the south. They still have a mill at Oakdale, Louisiana, which has about three years supply of timber left. Our coming west is but a move which all lumber manufacturers are making, for the west offers the timber supply which is left."

Regarding the future operation of the plant his company has just purchased, Mr. Ashby expressed considerable confidence in the plant as it has been arranged and equipped stating that for this winter's run little change will be made, but that later in order to increase the output there will probably be some additions made to the plant.

"I wish to state that we have come to La Grande with good intentions and a desire to do business," he said. "We believe that the timber supply we have just purchased is of the best for we examined most of the timbered sections of California and Oregon and finally selected this locality for our first venture in the west. We will probably buy other properties when they are purchased to fit our general plan of operation."

"The sales end of the Bowman-Hicks company is located in Kansas City and the product of this mill will be largely sold from the home offices. Of course we will maintain a local sales department to handle the La Grande and close-by business, also for the purpose of supplying the trade in the northwest."

"I might add," said Mr. Ashby, "that it is our hope to keep the present operating force of the plant with us as we have no organization to bring west. The clerical work and sales department will be in Kansas City, hence we will not need a large office force here but the operating end of the mill and the logging department we hope to have remain in the hands of the men who are now employed."

Palmer Company to Liquidate.

With the selling of their physical assets the George Palmer company will liquidate and go out of business. This was announced today by President E. L. Kennon, M. B. Donohue, Norman Press, Vincent Palmer and Miss Alice L. Priest, all of whom represent the company officially. Offices have been rented in the Oregon Grocery company building on Jefferson street and the work of closing up the company's business started today by calling the preferred stock of the company in for payment.

"It may require several months for us to finish the work," said M. B. Donohue, who has been head of the company.

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THREE ARRESTED FOLLOWING RAID

Officials Raid Two Local Pool Halls Yesterday Afternoon; Discover Liquor

Appy L. Walto, Jim Cochran and A. E. Phipps were arrested yesterday afternoon by the sheriff's officers and police department on the charge of conducting a public nuisance. The arrest followed a noon-day raid on the Depot Pool Hall and the Cochran Pool Hall, situated at 221 and 217 Depot streets, respectively.

Moonshine was discovered in both places, a gallon being found in one pool hall and several pints in the other.

The three men were arraigned before Justice Arthur Williams yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock and all entered pleas of not guilty. Cochran's trial is set for Thursday and Walto and Phipps will be tried on Monday, October 30 at 9 o'clock.

PIERCE GIVEN SOCIETY BLEND

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—"The Original, Genuine, Patriotic Ticket" of the Oregon Federation of Patriotic Societies has been made up and given out for publication.

It indorses Elton Watkins for congress, Walter M. Howe for governor, O. P. Hoff for state treasurer and T. M. Kerrigan for public service commissioner. It presents the same legislative list that was on the "Orange Ticket" of the primary election, picking George A. Lovejoy, a democratic nominee, to take the place of Herbert Gordon, the only republican nominee on the ticket not endorsed by the organization prior to the primary election.

The ticket indorses the compulsory school bill, that being the only one of the measures to which attention is given.

George B. Thomas and C. A. Bigelow are favored for city commissioners.

The ticket is signed by W. C. Elford, secretary, who gives his address at 517 Maiden Avenue. The ticket also calls attention to the fact that "No ticket is genuine unless signed by W. C. Elford and bearing the corporate seal of Oregon Federation of Patriotic Societies."

It is also said that "The ticket has been carefully selected and is recommended by the Oregon Federation of Patriotic Societies, Inc., which believes the candidates named to be trustworthy and responsive to the truest American ideals. This federation receives duly accredited delegates from various patriotic societies and no candidate or office holder or deputy, elective or appointive, of the federal, state, county or city government can be a delegate. It has but one object, that none but real Americans be placed in official positions."

The ticket as prepared is as follows:

15. Watkins, Elton.
17. Pierce, Walter M.
18. Hoff, O. P.
20. Burnett, George H.
21. McCurt, John.
24. George, S. S.
29. Kerrigan, T. M.
30. Rossman, George.
32. Tucker, Robert.
34. Hewitt, Louis P.
35. Hurst, Thomas P.
39. Klepper, Milton R.
42. Clark, W. J. H.
45. Adams, L. H.
46. Brownell, Cyril G.
47. Campbell, E. R.
49. Hurlburt, Thomas H.
50. Huston, Oliver B.
51. Kirkwood, R. J.
52. Kuhl, R. K.
53. Kuehn, Louis.
54. Lewis, D. C.
55. Lynn, Walter G.
56. Simmons, Mrs. C. B.
57. Woodward, William F.
64. Lovejoy, George A.
74. Melnd, Fred J.
77. Myers, Stanley.
81. Rankin, John Howard.
82. Walker, Dow V.
83. Martin, Sam B.
85. Funk, George R.
88. Thomas, George B.
95. Bigelow, C. A.
Vote 214 (X) Yes. (Compulsory school bill.)

HUSH CONSTITUTION PASSED

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—The new Irish constitution passed the third and final reading in the Dail Eirann today. Deputy John Milroy described the document as the greatest triumph of Ireland since the battle of Kesh.

NEW CABINET IS SWORN IN FOR ENGLAND

Law's New Cabinet Begins Functioning Immediately After Taking the Oath

LLOYD GEORGE GIVES VIEWS

London Press Not Enthusiastic; Unionist Papers Appreciative; ex-Premier Speaks to Liberals.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Prime Minister Law's cabinet was sworn in today at Buckingham Palace. After taking the oath the new ministers began functioning immediately.

Nowhere in the London press is any special enthusiasm shown for Law's choice although Unionist papers are calmly appreciative.

LLOYD GEORGE SPEAKS

LONDON, Oct. 25.—"I will support any party and any government that pursues the policy of peace, and does it effectively," said Lloyd George today at a meeting of the Coalition Liberal members of parliament.

In another part of his speech he stated, "Great Britain must pay America all her debts."

GENERAL MONDRAGON DIES IN SPAIN

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 25.—Word has just been received here that General Manuel Mondragon, secretary of war under President Madero and well known during the early days of the revolution, has died in San Sebastian, Spain, after a lingering illness. General Mondragon was considered one of the most competent military men of the old school.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Tonight and Thursday will find occasional rains accompanied by a moderate southerly gale.

MEETING OF BROTHERHOODS

Dr. Harrison Trexler is the Speaker of the Evening; Well Attended.

Dr. Harrison Trexler, political science instructor in Whitman college, Walla Walla, delivered an address on the pros and cons of the primary, the recall, the initiative and the referendum last evening at Honan hall at a combined meeting of the fellowship brotherhoods of La Grande. About forty members were present and were delighted with his speech.

Dr. Trexler dwelt upon each subject impartially telling of the advantages and disadvantages of each in a very clear manner. Following the completion of his address the brotherhoods discussed the matters in a round table talk.

Refreshments were served at the close of the discussion. Dr. Trexler left La Grande this morning for Whitman college and will stop on his return trip at Pendleton, where he will address the high school this afternoon. While in the city he was a guest at the home of Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

POLLING PLACES ARE DESIGNATED

The polling places for the November 7 election have been announced and will be held at the same places as last election. They are as follows:

District No. 1—Frank Clearing, 502 Third street.
District No. 2—City Hall.
District No. 3—W. D. Grandy.
District No. 4—Lano Chapel, 2502 North First.
District No. 5—City Park pavilion.
District No. 6—Watson House, Cove and Portland streets.
District No. 7—D. B. Berger, Ninth and Washington streets.
District No. 8—Courthouse.
District No. 9—Presbyterian church.

District No. 10—Methodist church, 302 Washington.
District No. 11—Lucy Graham, 302 Washington.
District No. 12—Harris Hall, Fir and Monroe streets.
District No. 13—Auto Paint Shop, corner Y and Spruce streets.

NEW PASTOR CALLED

Rev. W. C. Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was in Baker Monday evening and acted as moderator at a meeting of the Presbyterian church of Baker at which time a call was extended to Rev. Leslie H. Boyd of Los Angeles, to become pastor at Baker.

WHEAT UP A CENT

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Wheat is quoted today at 1.07 to 1.25.

TODAY'S MARKETS

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Livestock, butter and eggs are steady today.

HIGH SCHOOL AT PORTLAND IS DESTROYED

Washington High School Building is Totally Destroyed by Fire

ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED

Theories Have it That Incendiarism Was Responsible; Mysterious Fires Preceded Latest Loss.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Police and fire departments are today endeavoring to learn the cause of the fire, which early this morning destroyed the Washington high school building situated on the east side. One fireman, O. B. Gabriel, was killed by the collapse of a wall and several others were injured.

Incendiarism figured prominently in theories advanced concerning several fires that have taken place recently. In addition to the burning of the Washington high school building, a school only two blocks from the Central Presbyterian church was burned recently from some mysterious cause.

The school building was fully insured. It was erected in 1907 at a total cost of \$500,000 and was estimated to be worth fully \$700,000.

UMATILLA SHOWS A LARGE SLUMP

PENDLETON, Oct. 25.—A decrease of \$2,379,007 in the assessed valuation of Umatilla county was reported yesterday by Assessor R. O. Hawke who has just compiled the totals for this county for 1922, with the exception of the public utilities which will be assigned here by the state tax commission sometime in December. The assessed valuation this year is \$44,132,449, with soldiers' exemptions and lacking the public utility valuations which run about \$10,000,000.

The drop is partially accounted for by a decrease in wheat land values, the elimination of much unpatented irrigation land from the tax rolls by court decision, and a decreased valuation on merchandise and stock in trade.

One particular item this year which is new is the personal property tax which was levied on a valuation of \$28,095. This tax has already been collected.

REX HALL TO BE RUN BY POWERS

Popular Amusement Place Will be Lighted Many Nights During the Winter Season.

D. H. Steward, owner of Rex hall, has arranged with P. J. Powers to handle the amusement place during the winter season and the agreement took effect today.

Mr. Powers will give regular dances each week, conduct classes in dancing, and also superintend and manage the hall for all social and private parties and entertainments.

"The winter season is opening with the first storm of the year," said Mr. Powers, "and I can assure the public that the hall will be put in good condition and kept that way and that all events given there will be up to a high standard."

BIRD BANDING REPORT COMING

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—The American Ornithologists' Union, the largest organization of its kind in the world, will open its fortieth annual meeting at the Field Museum of Natural History here tomorrow.

The Union, first organized in 1883, now has enrolled about 1,450 persons in its membership, of which about 500 are in foreign countries. This year's meeting will be the first ever held in the Mississippi valley.

Results of recent work in banding birds in the United States and Canada, and a special report from the European bird banding station on the Baltic sea will come before the meeting. Summaries on expeditions into the South Pacific and South America, conducted by the American Museum of Natural History, will be given. Exhibits of bird paintings by American artists will be shown.

The announcement of the Brewster Memorial Medal to be awarded during the coming year for the most comprehensive paper on American birds will be made at this time and plans will be discussed regarding a research fund for the promotion of ornithological work.

FOUR KILLED BY RUNAWAY CAR

BEND, Oct. 25.—Crushed between the cab and the water tank of a Shevel-Holton logging locomotive, when it was hit late yesterday morning by a runaway that cut loose with steel rails, three members of the train crew, Edward Barker, engineer; Paulon Hagan, brakeman, and R. M. Joyce, conductor, were killed instantly and a fourth, Edgar Davis, fireman, died at the Burnside hospital shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon. Davis was horribly burned and burned, but it was at first thought that his life might be saved and he was rushed to Bend on a special train. He died four hours after the wreck.

The logging locomotive had been sent to the steel camp at Spring River, south of Bend, to move cars and equipment, and was at the bottom of a steep grade, when the runaway car, carrying tons of rails, sped down upon it at the rate of more than 50 miles an hour. Because of the fact that the engine was backing, the man riding in the cab had no warning of the peril until it was too late to jump. Three of them were ground to death beneath the cab and the water tank.

(By Associated Press)

HACKENSACK, N. J., Oct. 25.—George Thine, Charles Coulton and Alice Thornton were acquitted of the murder of Jack Bergen, movie actor, by the jury late today.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Oct. 25.—A jury of six men and six women headed by Miss Sarah Smith, twenty-three year old stenographer, today received a case of three defendants charged with murdering Jack Bergen, movie actor, in Edgewater, N. J., last August.

(By Associated Press)

Branch Line Club to Have Opening Dance

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Oct. 25.—Don of La Grande people will be here to take part in the festivities. The new club house has given many of the people a new idea of the lake. Lots and acre tracts are now in demand there for summer homes and many new cottages were erected this past season. Many more are contemplated next year and as a result of the movement it is expected that Wallawa Lake will in a few short years be one of the most popular summer resorts in the northwest. The proximity of the lake to a wonderful fish and game territory makes it appeal especially to sportsmen and lovers of the outdoors. The greatly increased travel to the head of the lake has decided the County Court of this county to build a road around the west side of the lake next season so that car way traffic may be maintained and thus make the drive not only much more enjoyable but safer for the traveling public.

PORTLAND IS PREPARED TO MEET I. W. W.

Ready to Meet Any Invasion of Wobblies Who May Come to Help

GREEN SAYS NO INVASION ORDERED

"Members Know That the Worst Thing They Could Do is Flood Labor Market," Says Attorney.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—The Portland police are today prepared to meet any invasion of the Industrial Workers of the World that might develop as a result of the reported order by the executive committee at Chicago asking that all foot-loose members of the I. W. W. to aid in procuring the demands made in the waterfront strike.

B. A. Green, local attorney for the Industrial Workers of the World, today insisted that no order for an invasion of Portland had been issued, declaring that the men know that the worst thing they can do is to flood the labor market during the strike.

Nine I. W. W. members are in jail today pending efforts to obtain bail so as to appeal from their ninety-day sentences. Only one vagrant was in court today.

PORTLAND, Oct. 25.—Governor Ben W. Olcott, in a statement today, said the state was ready to "go to bat" with the Industrial Workers of the World in case of an invasion, and that he had instructed the national guard to be prepared in case of an emergency.

SLIGHT LEEWAY ON LIQUOR LAW

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Until regulations putting into force Attorney General Daugherty's ruling regarding liquor on foreign ships can be drafted, the enforcement of the law will continue as heretofore, said statements today made by Secretary Mellon.

(By Associated Press)

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MIXED JURY RECEIVES CASE

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Senator McNary Will Speak at Star Theatre

Senator Charles McNary will deliver a political speech this evening at the Star theatre at 8 o'clock in which the general public is invited. He is the first national speaker in La Grande since the state during the campaign and no doubt will talk party politics as he comes fresh from Washington, where congress has been absorbed with national problems for some time. Senator McNary expects to deliver the address of his time before election by campaigning for the republican ticket throughout the state.

