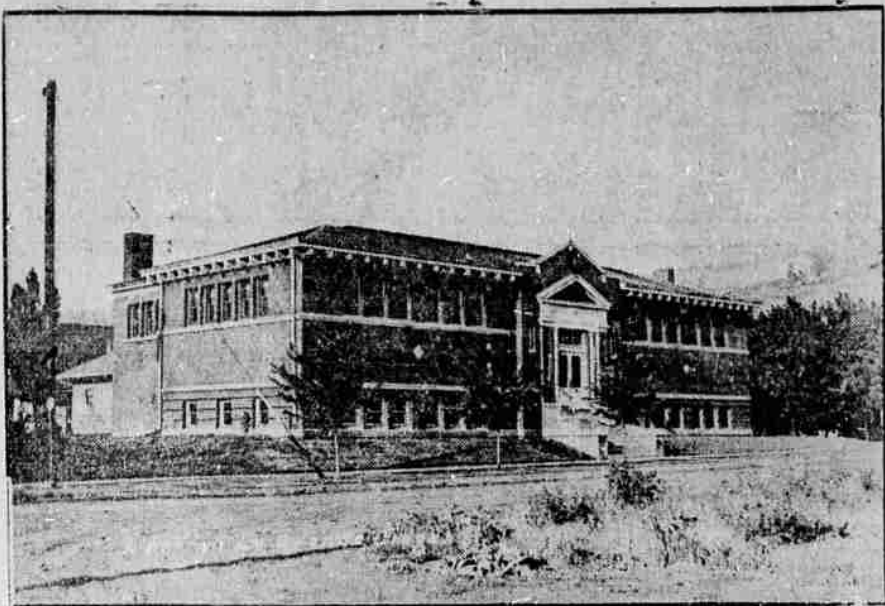


## Home of the City Library



La Grande citizens are justly proud of one of the most modern libraries in the state of Oregon. The structure stands on Pennsylvania avenue, only three blocks from the business district, and is one of the popular attractions of the city. Beautiful and well-kept grounds surround the building.

## La Grande Library Has Enjoyed Rapid Growth

MODERN HOME AND LARGE VOLUME OF BOOKS ARE AN AD AND A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO LA GRANDE PEOPLE.

The public library is one of the principal municipal institutions of La Grande. Some time in October, 1911, Geo. T. Cochran, an attorney of this city, began to push for a public library. A number of the citizens of La Grande were spoken to concerning this enterprise, among whom were Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn and Dr. J. W. Laughlin. They were all enthusiastic, and Mrs. Turner Oliver called a meeting at her home, about the first of November, 1911, for the purpose of effecting an organization. There were a score or more of people present. The library law was considered, and ways and means were adopted for establishing a public library in the city of La Grande. Dr. A. L. Richardson was Mayor of the city at that time, and through his influence the proper resolutions were prepared for adoption to the city council, which would start off a city library. Dr. J. W. Laughlin and Geo. T. Cochran were appointed a committee to secure the signatures of the business men of the town to a petition for the establishing of a public library. In order to show to the city council that there was a demand for such action, this petition, with 180 signatures attached, was presented to the city council on the 8th day of November, 1911 (city file No. 37), and a resolution to establish a library was passed on that date (Vol. 2, Minutes of City of La Grande, p. 89). The councilmen at that time were W. J. Church, C. S. Dunn, Robert Finley, Bernard Lonsden, C. L. Mackey, G. C. Davis, E. T. Fleming and J. L. Davis. On November 15th, Mayor Richardson appointed a library board, composed of the following citizens: E. E. Bragg, Geo. T. Cochran, M. B. Donahue, C. S. Dunn, J. W. Laughlin, Turner Oliver, Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. George Palmer and Mrs. C. E. Silverthorn. These appointments were confirmed on that date by the city council (Vol. 2, Minutes of City of La Grande, p. 84).

On the 25th day of November, 1911, the library board caused a petition to be circulated requesting the city to set aside lot 1, block 66, Chapin's Addition, for the purpose of erecting a library building (city file No. 41). This petition, with 129 signatures, was presented to the city council on December 6, 1911 (Vol. 2, Minutes of City of La Grande, p. 92), and was referred to the Ways and Means Committee of the council, consisting of Robert Finley, C. S. Dunn and Bernard Lonsden. On December 8, 1911, this committee reported favorably, and by proper action the council set aside a dedicated lot where the present library now stands in public library uses (Vol. 2, Minutes of City of La Grande, p. 94). Ask Carnegie's Aid.

About this time a correspondence was begun with the Carnegie corporation relative to the securing of a building for a public library. It was found that it would be necessary for this library to be in existence for a time before a Carnegie building could be secured. An appropriation was secured from the city of La Grande to operate a library; the library board met at stated intervals, and on March 27, 1912, authority was given by the board for the renting of the basement of Honan hall for library purposes at the rental of \$25 per month. On the same date Miss Susan Louise Cowell was engaged as the first librarian, to begin her work on the 15th day of May, 1912. It was necessary for the library to have books with which to operate. In the early 90's, the La Grande Commercial club maintained a reading room and collected about 1000 books. These books had been used by the Commercial club for a number of years, and during the time that the Commercial club owned this building, one room of that building was used as a reading room and these books were stored therein. When the club sold this building, the books were boxed up and stored in the basement of the La Grande National bank. They were at this time brought forth and served as the nucleus and basis for the building of our library, and on July 15th, 1912, the La Grande public library was opened with fitting ceremonies and program.

Again, the correspondence with the

whereby the La Grande Public Library contracted with Union County to supply library service to all parts of Union County. During 1921, there were 55,000 loans made throughout the county, and in 1922, 76,000 loans were made in the county. This shows that the library work at that time filled a want of the people, and that the service was efficient and far-reaching. At the end of 1922, however, the county court discontinued the contract and refused to further perform a service so universally and heavily demanded by the people of the county. This service having been discontinued, the library board of the La Grande library then felt that it could not hereafter serve any persons living outside of the city of La Grande. The demand, however, has been exceedingly strong for such service, until finally the board established a rule that anyone in the county may now secure library books from the La Grande library, and if they live within the city of La Grande, the service is free, while if they live outside the city limits, it is necessary for them to pay a fee of two dollars per year, the library paying the postage one way.

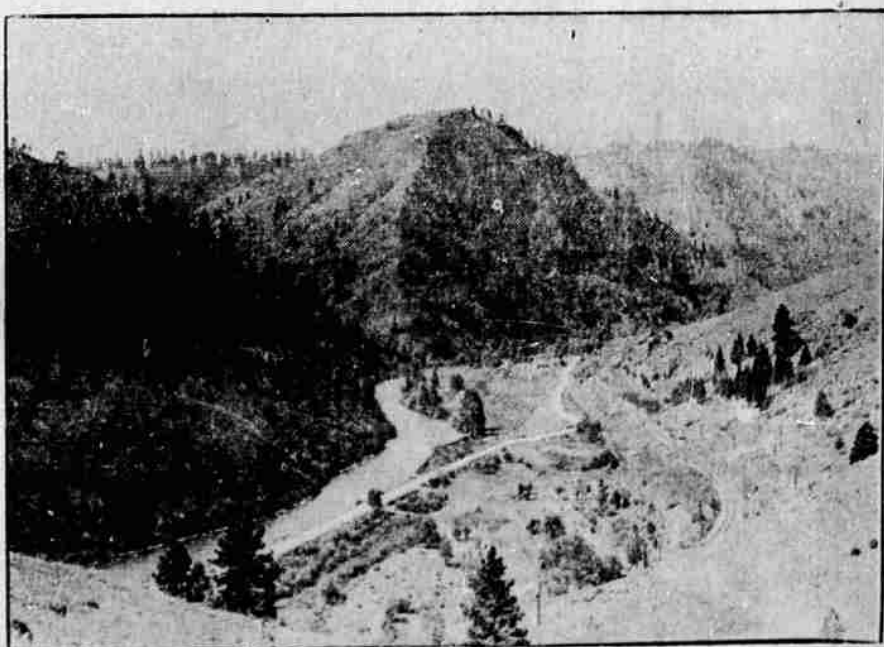
### Phenomenal Growth.

The growth of the library has been phenomenal. Today there are 7551 volumes in the collection. In 1914 there were 10,747 loans, while in 1922 in the city of La Grande alone there were 48,211 loans. Library service does not consist alone of giving out books, but much work is done along advisory lines, as guide to readers and study clubs, and in co-operation with the public schools. For a number of years story hours for children were conducted. Since April, 1921, the library has been kept open from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. on week days, and on Sundays, for reading only, from 1:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m. The staff of the library consists of the librarian, Miss Edith Pickett, one full-time assistant, Miss Blanche Hollingshead, and one part-time assistant, Miss Gertrude Wagener. The board members at present directing the business of the library are Mrs. Stella Ingles, president, Geo. T. Cochran, vice president, C. M. Humphreys, secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. K. Wright and A. C. Hampton. The number of registered borrowers at the present time is 3,461. Efficiency and service is the motto of the present library officials, and it is their ambition to completely feel the needs and desires of the citizens of La Grande in their library life.

**New Building Completed.**  
The new building was finished, and on the 31st day of December, 1913, the library was moved from the basement of Honan hall to the new building. While the building was occupied, yet there was a great deal of finishing work to be done, and the formal opening of the new building was set for March 16, 1914. In the meantime, La Grande had changed its form of city government from the council to the commission form, and J. J. Lafty was city manager. On the evening of the day set, a large crowd of La Grande citizens gathered in the new library building, where an extended program was held and the La Grande Public Library began to extend its work in a real and efficient manner.

**County Service Extended.**  
Beginning with January 1, 1921, a county library service was instituted,

## Country Club Golf Links



The above is a scene showing the beauty of the setting surrounding the Country Club golf links. Located in the beautiful canyon where nature's mountains rise abruptly on either side with the main line of the Union Pacific railroad and the Old Oregon Trail running through the canyon.

## Grande Ronde Chautauqua Association a Civic Asset

ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED IN 1915—T. A. BINEHART WAS FIRST PRESIDENT—CADMEAN ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE THE PROGRAM FOR 1923

(By Dr. Ray F. Murphy, President Grande Ronde Chautauqua Assn.)  
The Grande Ronde Chautauqua Association was established July 12th, 1915, the following members constituting the Board of Directors: W. R. Jones, Mrs. C. P. Newlin, W. R. McMillan, Mrs. G. Van Buren, T. A. Binehart, John Coffin, C. T. Bacon, Geo. T. Cochran, C. J. Black.  
T. A. Binehart acted as the first president of the association.

In 1915 the present pavilion was erected at Riverside Park by the Chautauqua Association, and in conjunction with the Park Board, the grounds and pavilion have been beautified from year to year until at the present time the association has one of the most beautiful Chautauqua parks in the country.

### Part of Civic Life.

In the fourteen years that Chautauqua have been held in La Grande, the institution has become a part of our civic life. Through the Chautauqua the best of inspirational lectures, high grade musical entertainments and wholesome fun have been enjoyed, that could not have been secured in any other way.

Chautauqua is really a summer university brought to our doors that all may share in and profit from. There is a department for the children also. A trained Junior Supervisor devotes her entire time to the kiddies. They are taught new games, told new stories and trained to appear in a pageant that forms a part of the program.

### 1923 Program

For the present season the services of the Cadmean Chautauqua Association have been secured. As this is their first appearance in La Grande we are assured of an entirely new program. The character of the talent is of the high standard established in previous years and will be a week of education and enjoyment for everyone.

Some of the lecturers who will be on our program this year are: Hon. J. N. Tinsley, joint author of the Cappon-Tinsley Bill; Paul Fung, Chinese journalist of international fame; Andrew S. Beahere and Fred Gates. The latter is a community building expert.

Some of the musical numbers are: The Marine Molds, a quartet of musical girls; Waldemar Gelfelt and assisting artists; Lot's Pacific Serenaders, a company from Honolulu; The June Hollywood Entertainers. Our play this year is the Broadway success, "The Bubble," and is to be put on by Herbert Sprague and his company—all finished actors.

The Chautauqua dates have been set for June 22 to 28.

### Present Official Board.

The members of the present Chautauqua Board of Directors include: Ray F. Murphy, president; C. J. Black, vice-president; Chas. Binger, secretary; Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, treasurer; Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, Mrs. J. K. Wright, Mrs. Ed Kiddle, Mrs. Chas. Reynolds, Floyd McKennon, A. J. Stump, C. E. Short, Ernest DeLong.

## ODD RAY MAY BALK GRAVITY

New Ray May Revolutionize Aviation, Declares Edgar L. Hollingshead.

(By Associated Press)  
PASADENA, Calif., May 26.—Aviation will be revolutionized by the odd ray, believes Edgar L. Hollingshead, inventor and investigator in the field of electricity, who says that his 20 years of experiment have culminated in the discovery that solid in the path of this ray are not subject to the pull of gravity.

Mr. Hollingshead declares that the odd ray discovered by him effects a change in the direction of the molecule of other within any solid

moving. If it is something moving it may which it is focused, with the result that gravity cannot "take hold."

The theory upon which Mr. Hollingshead works, briefly stated is this:

It is impossible to conceive of a force except as something that is

moving. If it is something moving it must be a substance in some form, and if it is a substance it must be governed by the same principles that control all substance or matter in the universe. It must be made up of an aggregation of eddies, similar to those in the field of a magnet. Further, there must be two polarities to each force. If this were not true there would be an unbalanced condition in nature.

Therefore the force of gravity must have its opposite polarity—a repelling instead of attractive force.

"Thus I reasoned," Mr. Hollingshead explains, "and since have proved it true, and if I increase the speed of the eddies of force-compositioning matter I would set up a resistance to the force of gravitation, a force traveling in the direction opposite to gravitation."

Mr. Hollingshead's next problem was to find a way of releasing a force sufficiently powerful to affect the speed of matter. This he accomplished by regarding the importance of electricity as a substance having a definite energy and by developing a process by which a portion of the energy of the amperage, or substance, of electricity can be released.

"In my experimenting I have changed the speed of this released energy from that of a ray which is nearly the photographable light ray of a starry light, to one with power instantly transmutating any solid substance within its scope of radiation."

On the Atlantic ocean long ago, once 2,000 miles west and three miles high?

None of the material of a piece of wire which should have no movement on their homes.

## GRANDE RONDE CHAUTAUQUA

La Grande, Oregon

June 23rd to 28th Inclusive

This year's program will be one of the best and will be entirely different from any heretofore, as the Cadmean Circuit of Topea, Kansas, will furnish the entertainers. This circuit has never shown in La Grande before. Junior Chautauqua for the younger people will be a feature of the week.

Any information desired regarding camping space or other particulars can be obtained from

CHAS. W. BINGNER,

Secretary.

## POWDER RIVER RODEO

The prime Rodeo Stock between Weiser, Idaho, and Pendleton, Oregon, will participate in this

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The new race track makes an ideal location for a Rodeo of real bucking and running horses, such as are entered in the three-day carnival of animal tenacity and human courage and skill.

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