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LA GRANDE'S SCHOOLS ARE IN THE LEAD

Enrollment Surpasses Pendleton and Baker School Attendance

1784 ATTENDING SCHOOLS HERE

Nine Per Cent Gain Noted Over Enrollment Here Last Year at End of First School Month.

The La Grande schools, which ranked fourth among Oregon schools last year, are again ranking high in the state and leading Eastern Oregon in enrollment and number of teachers employed.

Friday, October 5th, Superintendent A. C. Hampton, gathered the following statistics on enrollment and number of teachers employed in the high school and the three grammar schools of this city, the check indicating that the schools are not going backward but are on the contrary steadily advancing at an encouraging pace. A gain of approximately nine per cent in enrollment over a similar check taken October 6th in 1922 is proven.

All schools gain. On Friday, October 6th, 1922 the total enrollment in the high school was 384 students, in Greenwood grammar school 476, in Rivera grammar school 287, and in Central grammar school 559. The total enrollment on this date was 1692.

On Friday, October 5th, 1923, the check showed that the enrollment in the high school was 402, a gain of 38 pupils over last year, Greenwood grammar school, with 514, showed a gain of 37 pupils, Rivera grammar school with 265, showed a gain of 12 pupils, and Central grammar school, with 562, showed a gain of three pupils, or a total gain this year over last year of 92 pupils.

Outranks Pendleton and Baker. According to recent statistics, Pendleton high school now has an enrollment of 1142 pupils, 636 less than La Grande; and Baker high school has an enrollment of 1360 pupils, 224 less than La Grande.

SCHOOLHOUSE NEARLY FINISHED

Wolf Creek People Will Have Modern Structure to House Their Youngsters.

"The Wolf Creek school house is nearly completed," remarked Ed Meyerich, who is helping with the contract which was taken by W. C. Kelley of this city for the building. "It is a brick structure and is modern all through," continued Mr. Meyerich, "and it will not be long until we can turn it over to the children in their educational home."

Mrs. Harry Nice of Wolf Creek laid the first brick in the building, Miss Barnes of Portland and Miss Gates of Union, teachers, laid the cornerstone on two corners and Louis Sigmund laid the other two, while the Glenn Nicks, next five years, put in place the last brick on the building.

Woman Shoots Priest Fatally at Early Mass

CHICAGO (AP)—The Rev. Paul Stetsuk, Greek Catholic priest, was shot and killed by Mrs. Emily Strutsynsky of Ramsey, Pa., as she knelt before him, ostensibly to make a confession, at the 9 o'clock mass at the St. Michael's Greek Catholic church here Sunday.

Snow and Rain Strikes Eastern Oregon Parts

Rainfall of the past week has meant much to the Eastern Oregon Light and power company in the saving of storage water, for although the storage supply has not increased, the stream flow at the hydroelectric plant has increased giving the storage plants a chance to save water. Superintendent J. H. King of the company, is exceedingly pleased with the situation.

When the stream flows are low all plants without storage are constantly operated to generate electrical energy with water that otherwise would go to waste, and the regulating for peak loads is done by the storage projects. In a very short time the new 1,000 kilowatt addition to the Baker steam plant will be in operation and this will make the power supply situation still more favorable.

ENTERPRISE (Special to the Observer)—One of the first snow falls of the season here occurred Sunday. Drizzle but cold rain preceded the snowfall. Wallowa county as a whole is receiving snow in the higher portions and rain in the valley land.

MEDICAL SPRINGS (Special)—Rains, starting Wednesday, are proving welcome to farmers in this district, as the precipitated moisture is expected to prove a boon to hay farmers and to the pastures and fields.

MEACHAM (Special to the Observer)—A light snowfall occurred here yesterday, accompanied by a drop in the thermometer.

SIX MEN DEAD IN GAS BLAST

Seventh Man Badly Burned in Explosion at Palisades, Colorado.

DENVER (AP)—An explosion of gas in the Midwest coal mine at Palisades, Colo., at 11 a. m. Sunday killed six of the seven men working in the mine. The dead are: Robert P. Scott, manager; J. E. Koyas and three sons, Harvey, Koyas, W. B. Koyas and Robert T. Koyas, and George McKee. McKee had entered the service of the company Sunday and this was his first shift.

The government mine rescue crew that were fighting the fire in the book cliff mine arrived at the scene of the accident an hour after the explosion. Members of the rescue squad wearing helmets entered the mine and located four bodies. One body was removed and it is hoped to get the other bodies Sunday night.

LOYD GEORGE IS HOARSE; CANADIAN PROGRAM CHANGED

MONTREAL (AP)—A curtailment in the program previously arranged for David Lloyd George, former premier of Great Britain, in his tour of Canadian cities, was announced Sunday night because of a hoarseness of the throat which has developed. The American program was tentatively arranged, still stands, Lloyd said, and it is hoped no change in it will be necessary.

300 Worshipers Present

About 300 worshippers put in the pews of the church as Mrs. Strutsynsky, heavily veiled, walked down the middle aisle, before the 9 o'clock mass to the altar. She walked to the confessional box at the right of the altar. There out of sight of the congregation she knelt as though to offer confession, but instead drew a pistol from the folds of her dress and fired five shots at the priest, standing before her.

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Late News Flashes

Giants and Yanks Practicing. NEW YORK (AP)—The Giants and Yankees traded playing fields today for the first intensive workouts in preparation for the world series combat starting Wednesday. Walter Pipp, Yankee first baseman, whose injured ankle has been causing much anxiety, was allowed to join in practice. In the event Pipp is unable to play Ruth will be sent to first, the Giant players believe. Walter Nehf will be selected to pitch the first game.

Recommend Hanford Macnider. DES MOINES (AP)—Congressman Dewell announced today he would recommend Hanford Macnider, former national commander of the American Legion, for the ambassadorship of Italy.

Nurse Killed By Negro Voodoo Doctor. PITTSBURGH (AP)—Elsie Barthel, 28, nurse of Washington, was killed by Alonzo Savage, a negro voodoo doctor, when she refused to give him \$395 for curing her "love ills," according to a confession made by the negro today.

Alumni Vs. High School Today. Early this afternoon a decision was reached to hold the Alumni-High School game, which was scheduled for Saturday but postponed, this afternoon at the high school field at 3:30 o'clock.

COUSIN OF MR. PERKINS FOUND

F. L. Meyers Returns From Maine Where He Took Remains of Man Killed in Auto Accident.

"On Tuesday morning at Winthrop, Maine with a few oldtime friends of Mr. Perkins, who know him in his youth, we buried his earthly remains alongside of the graves containing his mother and father," said F. L. Meyers, administrator of the Perkins estate, who has just returned from the east, where he took the body to be interred.

Says "Summarily Removed". SALEM (AP)—Warden Smith today declared he was "summarily removed" from office and did not resign, as was reported from the office of Governor Pierce last night. Smith's declaration is supported by a letter from the Governor to Smith made public today notifying him of his removal. Before relinquishing office, Smith discharged two guards and indicated that others might be removed.

Stresemann Gets Authority. BERLIN (AP)—The reichstag today adopted a draft of a bill authorizing, asked by Chancellor Stresemann granting him sweeping authority on economic measures.

Servants in Brazil Regulated by Police. RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)—The servant question in Rio, which has been driving the housewives of this city to distraction for years and years, finally became so acute that it was taken up, studied and "solved" by the Federal Government.

Train Hits Auto; 2 Dead. SIOUX CITY (AP)—Miss McElwain, aged 15, was instantly killed and Max Herten, aged 15, died from injuries sustained when their automobile was struck by a train at Salix, Ia., near here, Saturday. They were enroute to Onawa to attend a football game.

Grain Is Higher; Rail Earnings Encouraging. NEW YORK (AP)—Industrial news continued to disclose a somewhat spotty condition with steel production still wanting.

Perhaps the most significant development was the continued advance in grain prices. Cash corn in Chicago sold at the highest price in three years and the principal futures gained several additional cents. December wheat made a new high for the crop and commanded at least 10 cents more than the price of two months ago.

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Distribution of goods as measured by railroad traffic is, however, going on at an accordingly high rate. Car loading continues to exceed a million a week and the railroad earnings are good. Owing to the passage of the cases appreciably. Among the foreign exchanges the features were the reaction in French francs after the gain which was recorded at the time of the German capitulation, and the recovery in sterling.

BANDITS GET 5,000 GEMS IN N. Y. HOTEL

Policemen Arrive in Time to Save 45,000 Jewels But Robbers Escape.

RITZ EMPLOYEES HELD UP BY TRIO

Charles Chaplin, Movie Actor, Arrived on Scene 5 Minutes After Holdup.

NEW YORK (AP)—Three armed men early today held up the night manager and several employees of the Ritz-Carlton hotel and robbed a jewelry store in the lobby of 5,000 gems and then fled. The bandits left 45,000 jewels in an immense case when policemen appeared on the scene.

Charles Chaplin, movie actor, entered the lobby five minutes after the holdup.

SINNOTT IS ON DISTRICT TOUR

Second District Congressman Spent Sunday in La Grande and Went into Wallowa County.

Congressman N. J. Sinnott spent yesterday in La Grande, arriving here Saturday evening from Vale, where he was one of the speakers at the irrigation congress, rested yesterday in the city and left this morning for Wallowa county.

He is making a tour of the district to learn at first hand what the needs are and wherein the national congress can render assistance to public enterprises.

One of the subjects which Congressman Sinnott has studied deeply during his tenure of office is reclamation and he is recognized an authority on that subject in the halls of congress. His fight for oil royalties to the government is one of the outstanding features of his career for he had to combat the big oil companies in order to secure justice, not only to the small operators, but to the United States government. Much of the fund derived from the oil leases goes to irrigation and the fight now is to get Oregon's share of this fund which Sinnott made possible for the United States treasury.

He will be back in La Grande early in November or the last of this month at which time he will probably be the speaker at one of the Tuesday luncheons of the Chamber of Commerce.



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