

Dependable

Westenhaver & Gilbert
204 Depot St.

Cow, Two Autos Burn.

MEMPHISVILLE, Ore.—A Durham milk cow and two Buick automobiles belonging to Lee Dymum of this city were lost in a fire which destroyed a small barn here.

The fire broke out in the straw in the barn near where the two machines were stored, and before it attracted the attention of Mr. Dymum was out of control.

Neither the machines nor the cow could be saved. Two pieces of the 24-horsepower fire apparatus responded to the call, but were too late. The origin of the fire was not determined. There was little or no insurance.

Heat from the burning straw was eating dogs. Next time some dog barkers threaten to eat him.

SPECIAL--

ORIOLE TRUE FRUIT, HAND-DIPPED
CHOCOLATE CREAMS, NOUGATS
AND CARAMELS

25c Pound; 1/4 Pound 10c
Saturday and Sunday

Newlin Drug Co.
On the Corner

Newlin Book & Stationery Co.
Largest Office Stationer in Eastern Oregon.

SHERRY'S
TODAY ONLY

ARROW
presents

"Blasted Hopes"
An Ashton Dearholt Production, Starring
EDMUND GOBB

Comedy—

"STUPID BUT BRAVE"

MARKET HURT
BY COLD WAVE

The recent cold wave, which brought below zero temperatures to many sections of the country, put a stop to much construction and other outside work, and the effect on the demand for lumber has been noticeable. The market has shown no loss of strength, however, according to the American Lumberman, Chicago, and the usual holiday shutdown of the mills for repair purposes will undoubtedly make for even greater firmness. Demand within the immediate future will probably be regulated largely by weather conditions. Housing needs in most cities are still great, and winter building is generally on the program. If temperatures admit, there will be a general resumption of building activity immediately after New Year, and a consequent upswing of the lumber market.

The southern pine market has been very active lately. Not only have retail dealers in all sections of consuming territory been buying considerable quantities of lumber for stock as well as for immediate requirements, but industrial demands have been extensive. There has lately been a marked revival in business with the oil fields, which are now consuming much long dimension stock, together with timbers and boards. Railroad demand for car and maintenance-of-way material has also remained heavy, while exports have been steady. The mills are much oversold and are little interested in new business, turning down practically all offers for future delivery. Prices have not advanced materially within the last several days, and the tendency remains strongly upward.

The holiday shutdown has reduced production of Douglas fir to a very low point. Several days before this shutdown otherwise would have been made, intense cold on the Pacific coast began to interfere with mill and logging operations, many mills and camps being forced to close. Stocks of fir are very low and in some items practically nonexistent, while order files are heavy. The market consequently is strong, with no likelihood of any weakening within the immediate future no matter what the character of demand is during the next few weeks.

The hardwood market is approaching the close of the year with much greater activity and strength than in any recent year. There has been some slowing down in demand due to seasonal influences, but not as much as usual. Most of the mills have cut their order files. Inquiries are numerous, including large ones from the automobile industry, which seems to be definitely recovering. Furniture manufacturers are buying actively of lumber and veneers. There are increasing inquiries from agricultural implement makers. Railroads are buying timbers and cross ties. Box manufacturers are active, so that there is a good movement of lower grades. Export demand is slower, but shipments on old orders will remain heavy for some time, while the outlook for 1925 to the foreign markets is by no means discouraging. Prices generally are firm, with an upward tendency.

JOSEPH CLUB
BACKS TRAIL

JOSEPH, Ore., (Special to the Observer).—The Joseph Commercial club met in a regular session at the Hotel Jennings recently, according to a local newspaper. The business houses of the town were well represented and several important pieces of business were transacted.

The first item of importance disposed of was authorizing the payment of \$25 to the State Chamber of Commerce for the local club's organization dues for 1925. Joseph is one of the few small towns having commercial organizations which holds a membership in the state body. This affiliation is worth many times the price of the dues and it is hoped that before the end of 1925 something will have been accomplished toward land settlement in this valley.

Another matter of importance coming before the meeting was that of submitting \$100 to the Old Oregon Trail association. Not fully understanding the purpose for which the trail association is raising funds, the club at first voted to defer action until more information could be obtained. Later in the evening the subject was discussed further and it was voted to override the previous motion and instruct the secretary to write Mr. Macomber that Joseph will do its part.

The question of organization was brought up and President Calvert deemed it proper to name some committees. He suggested an industrial committee of which he named H. S. Gibson chairman; a budget committee with P. H. Gaultke, chairman; a membership committee with P. E. May, chairman, and a social committee with G. G. Crawford chairman.

The chairman of the respective committees have selected their associates as follows: Mr. Gibson, P. D. McCully, A. W. Schupp, Fred McCully, C. E. Johnson, Mr. Gaultke, H. W. Webb, P. E. McCully, I. E. Snyder, L. L. Runch.

Mr. Mary J. A. Wetzel, John Himelewright, David Scott, C. T. White.

Mr. Crawford, W. H. Selbert, Ed Elton, C. A. Collinsworth, Max Wilson.

The industrial committee is a general committee, that is, the duties devolving upon it are anything for the good of Joseph. The budget committee is charged with the duty of framing the financial program of the club and the membership committee will endeavor to raise a good share of the funds through a membership drive.

The social committee is charged with the duty of making the meetings interesting.

A spirit of optimism pervaded the meeting and there was a disposition to say "It will be done" in place of "It can't be done."

The next meeting will be the monthly social meeting on the second of January 12, at which time it is hoped the ladies will be strongly in evidence.

If he advertises it, he knows it's good!

Obituary

MRS. EDITH COOPER

Mrs. Edith Cooper, of Perry, Ore., died at the home of her son, Mr. J. H. Cooper, at San Francisco, Dec. 26, 1924, at 7:55 p. m. The deceased was well known in La Grande and was the daughter of the late Thos. Stephenson, of California.

BERT ATTENBURY

Bert Attenbury, of this city, was found dead in his home yesterday morning. His wife discovered his body.

He had become ill at about four o'clock in the morning and both he and his wife had arisen and made a fire. He complained of a pain in his chest but soon felt better and lay down on the sofa in the room.

Mrs. Attenbury returned to bed and did not awake until about 7:30 o'clock when she discovered that her husband had died. The cause of his death has not been definitely established although it is thought heart failure was responsible.

He leaves to mourn his widow and three small children.

Transient Hurt In Fire.

JOSEPH, Ore., (After lighting a fire in a pile of shavings over an abandoned sawmill, 124 Franklin, a transient, lay down beside the blaze and fell asleep, not knowing that the shavings were a part of a sawmill pile. As he slept the flames crept up on him and set fire to his clothing. He was wearing three cotton shirts as protection from the cold and he was unable to tear off the cloth and he took was badly burned.



CLAUDE C. PRATT

A large heavy Copper Wash Boiler, \$175. Large heavy weight Wash Tub, \$164. Nails, \$1.95. Base, in big lots. Kila dried Fir Flooring, as above, \$22.00 per M. Cedar Sashes, \$2.10 and \$3.35 per M. 84.00, \$2.35 and \$3.35. No. 1 2x12 Rough Planks, \$17.00 per M.

You cannot afford to overlook these prices.

The Claude C. Pratt Lumber Co.
"The Poor Man's Friend"
Oppo. Postoff. Phone 214
No Sunday Business

WATCH FOR OUR
29th Anniversary Sale
OF FURNITURE
Starts January 2nd

W. H. BOHNENKAMP CO.

Heroine



Claudia Best, 14-year-old Kansas City schoolgirl, suffered a broken cheek bone when she darted in front of a speeding automobile and saved the lives of two children. So the Kansas City Safety Council has awarded her its first certificate for heroism.

FIND
IT
HERE

Copy for this column must be in by 9:00 a. m.

Special price, \$5.00 per cord for 16-inch wood. Phone 287-W.

Bring your prescriptions to the Silverthorn-Wright's Family Drug Store.

Stockholders Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1925, at 10 o'clock a. m. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1925 and such other business will be transacted as may properly offer.

H. E. COOLIDGE, Cashier

About this time every year we always decide what our town needs is a change of climate.

All Elks and friends invited to big dance Monday night, Dec. 29. Good time assured.

Call Rate Plumber
Phone 248-J. 12-27-24

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

MRS. W. F. GENELEE AND FAMILY.

Notice of Publication

Notice is hereby given that Lot 1, Snodgrass has been appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, as Administrator of the estate of Eleanor Church, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to said Administrator within six months from the date of the first publication hereof.

Dated at La Grande, Union County, Oregon, this 27th day of December, 1924.

LOT 1, SNODGRASS, Administrator.

Robert S. Eakin, attorney for Administrator.

Dec. 27-Jan. 2, 1925-24

A political party is an organization to split about something.

Bring your prescriptions to the Silverthorn-Wright's Family Drug Store.

How is Your Wood Pole?

Dry Bull pine pole wood delivered for \$2.50 cash, per cord. Call Main 40.

A regular advertiser is a dependable merchandiser.

EAGLE VALLEY LIGHT COLOR HONEY—
10-lb. Tin \$1.39
FRESH COMB HONEY, 18c; 3 for 50c
CARNATION MILK, Large Cans, 3 for 29c
Dozen cans \$1.15; Case, 48 cans \$4.55

An Attractive 20-Pound Shopping Bag With a \$2.00 Order.

HOOVERIZED GROCERY
Phone Main 49
2 Deliveries

J.C. Penney Co.
A NATION-WIDE INSTITUTION
571 DEPARTMENT STORES
108 Depot St., La Grande, Ore.

Men's Leather Vests
SHEEPSKIN AND BLANKET LINED

A complete stock of men's warm Winter Vests in a variety of styles and materials—corduroy, leather, khaki, duck and similar materials, lined with leather, blanket and sheepskin.

All within this price range—

\$5.90 to \$16.50

Comfortable and warm for the working man, the sportsman or any out-of-door usage. See them!

Men's Wool Mackinaws
AT LOW PRICES

Men's Wool Mackinaws in browns, blues and green heather mixtures. Belted models with high, warm collars. Just the thing for wear these cold days. All within this moderate price range.

\$7.90 to \$13.50

WATCH FOR OUR

29th Anniversary Sale
OF FURNITURE

Starts January 2nd

W. H. BOHNENKAMP CO.



HAL BOHNENKAMP
Funeral Director

FIFTH
AT
SPRING
STREET

Main 42



This institution has led in the development of modern funeral service in La Grande.

The arrangement of our chapel is a feature which has been gratefully welcomed by relatives who have used this mortuary.

It is by such a completeness of service, anticipating every need, and desire that our chapel has made residential and church services unnecessary.

5 DOZEN SMALL JUICY ORANGES 60c
SACK GOOD COOKERS—SANDRIDGE
GROWN GEM POTATOES, 100 lbs. \$1.75