

O.-W. SHOPS TO STAY IN LA GRANDE

Rumors Characterized as False by Superintendent Bollons

HOPES HELD AT BAKER CRUSHED

Rumored Change of Railroad Yards to Neighboring City Classed as Impracticable.

"Absolutely nothing to it," said W. W. Bollons, superintendent of the second division of the O.-W. R. and N. railway when asked this morning about the rumored change of the La Grande shops to Baker and the Huntington shops to Olaton, Oregon.

Mr. Bollons characterized the rumors as merely a recurrence of talk to that effect which occurs periodically every few years. He said that during his connection with the O.-W. R. and N. company he had never heard the matter discussed by company officials.

Mr. Bollons stated that the moving of the La Grande shops to Baker was not only highly impracticable but thoroughly impracticable. These moves would necessitate a great financial outlay and the advantage of such a change, if there were any, would be too small to offset the cost of moving.

Rumors Evasive. The rumors of these changes in the shops are as evasive as a will-o-the-wisp. No one has ever been able to trace them down or give them any authority although every so often the neighboring cities which would benefit by the change naturally attempt to make them seem as authoritative as possible.

In a recent Baker paper a long story on the front page was carried

PRECIPITATION HALF AN INCH

La Grande and the Grande Honda valley were treated to three hours of rain late yesterday that brought smiles to the faces of many farmers.

The total precipitation during the three hours, according to figures at the fire department station, was .54 inches, which is almost a record rain for this year here.

In La Grande the storm swept away inordinate and water backed up many feet at intersections of streets, causing much discomfort. Several basements are reported to have been flooded.

MANY TO HEAR LAW EXPLAINED

Present indications are that a large crowd of interested people will be at the city hall building at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon to hear two experts tell of the new Oregon daylight law, which will go into effect May 25th.

Local Golfers Plan To Entertain Baker Team

La Grande golfers of the local country club are making elaborate preparations to entertain the Baker golfers, who will compete on the club links Sunday with the best players this city can muster for the occasion.

The Bakerites have entertained La Grande teams several times and this will be the second time Baker has sent a delegation here.

The committee is making a special effort to see that the visitors are made to feel "right at home" all the time.

The following local players are expected according to the committee, to appear at the links and start play at 9 o'clock.

G. L. Larson, Charles Reynolds,

Forest Laws Explained By Local Warden

Alterations in Code by Legislature Makes a Change in Time; Closed Season Starts Today.

Several new laws and repeals of existing statutes were passed at the last meeting of the Oregon legislature, with which a majority of the people that should be interested are not familiar, states L. H. Russell, district fire warden.

"The new laws give us a little longer season to get ready, the closed season begins May 15th (today), instead of June 1st," Mr. Russell states. "It is necessary for any one desiring to burn brush or slashings after the first of May to get a permit from the fire warden of the county in which they reside."

Other rulings were explained by Mr. Russell, as follows: Every owner of timber land in the state shall furnish or provide therefor, during the season of the year when there is danger of forest fire, adequate protection against the starting or spread of fire which will meet with the approval of the state board of forestry.

In case any owner or owners shall fail or neglect to provide such protection against the starting or spreading of fire, then the state forester, under the direction of the state board of forestry, shall provide the same at a cost not to exceed five cents per acre, but the state forester, after thorough investigation of the need thereof, authorize and approve expenses sufficient properly to safeguard timber resources, but amounts so approved shall not exceed actual cost of work performed.

Reasons for any cost in excess of five cents per acre shall be furnished by the state forester upon demand to any property owner whose lands are subject to protection costs in excess of the specific amount prescribed in the act. Any amount so paid or contracted to be paid by the state forester shall be a lien upon the property, and shall be reported by the state forester to the county court of the county in which such lands are situated and shall by such court be levied and collected with the next taxes on such lands in the same manner as taxes are collected.

Timberland Defined. For the purpose of this act any land shall be considered timberland which has enough timber, standing or down, living or dead, either mature timber or young growth, with enough forest debris or growth to constitute, in the judgment of the state board of forestry, a fire menace to itself or adjoining lands.

Any legal subdivision of not more than 160 acres of timberland, to be designated by the owner, shall be deemed to be adequately protected if more than one-half thereof is within a radius of one mile of the owner's residence.

If the owner shall furnish patrol and protection therefore equal in standard, efficiency and seasonal duration to that of those who are in good faith maintaining organized patrol and protection of their lands against fire with the approval of the state board of forestry.

A. G. S. Executives In Picnic at Park

Rain did not dampen the fun at the A. G. S. executive picnic which was held in the city park yesterday afternoon. The retiring officers of the organization and the newly elected heads of the A. G. S. were all present at the picnic.

The picnic was held to acquaint the officers-elect with each other and to give the outgoing officials a chance to tender official good wishes.

Haines Stampede Will Be Held June 25-26-27

HAINES, Ore. (Special)—June 25-26-27 will be the dates for the annual Haines stampede, which this year, will be under the management of the Coleman Stitz, Bill Markey and Jess Heard.

The costumed are of a lustrous gray color and are made the same as the eyes and gowns used by various schools and colleges throughout the country for graduation. Whether this idea will be adopted by the school from now on is yet to be found out as it was adopted only by the class this year and not by school officials.

Automobiles Collide Near Island City

An automobile collision occurred last evening on the highway near Island City, when the Wallawa county stage, driven by Ivan Sutton, collided with a new Studebaker touring car, belonging to Gies Harnden. The cars came together in a side swipe and both were damaged to the extent of about \$100 each.

One car was headed toward Wallawa and the other toward La Grande.

Freed



Here is Mrs. Shepherd, wife of William D. Shepherd of Chicago, when she appeared in court where she was accused of having had knowledge of the murder of William McClintock and his mother, for which her husband has been indicted. Mrs. Shepherd was exonerated, however, by the grand jury.

MISS PEARSON WINS OFFICE

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore. (Special)—Deloris Pearson, of La Grande, was elected secretary of the University of Oregon student body in the general elections held here Wednesday.

MISS LYMAN ON COMMITTEE. OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Ore. (Special)—Lois Lyman, of La Grande, freshman in vocational education, has been pledged to Citrus committee to act next year. This committee is composed of sophomore girls for the purpose of keeping the college traditions among the "rookies." Miss Lyman is a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

GAP AND GOWN AGREED UPON

Because of the economy and democracy of the idea the graduating class of the La Grande high school will wear caps and gowns this year for both the baccalaureate and commencement exercises.

They have been ordered from Los Angeles, California and are expected to arrive here tomorrow. The graduates rent them for \$2.50 a week and they will be kept here one week only, minimizing the cost of dress for graduation considerably.

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Any Business Is Interesting

From your point of view as a reader of advertising, any business is interesting if you are buying or plan to buy that variety of goods or service.

The better business man sees to it that some of the interesting things about his business are told in an interesting way in his advertising copy.

The more you know about his business, regardless of what kind it is, the more likely you are to spend your money for his goods.

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FEW CASES OF GOITER FOUND HERE

Examination of School Children Was Started Yesterday

4 MORE SCHOOLS WILL BE VISITED

Defective Tonsils Found in One Out of Every Four Children Examined at Riveria, Island City.

Dr. W. P. McAdory, who was requested by Dr. W. T. Pfy, of the state board of health, to examine the children of La Grande and Island City schools for traces of goiter, began work yesterday at the Riveria and Island City institutions.

According to Dr. McAdory not as many cases of goiter have been found so far as was expected and there are very few to be found at all among the children under 15 years of age.

What goiters are discovered are

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MANY WITNESS MUSIC COMEDY

One of the most entertaining musical comedies ever given by local people took place last evening at the high school auditorium when "Knight of Dreams" or "Modern Pygmalion and Galatea" was presented under the auspices of the Monday musical club.

The comedy centered around Roland Clifford (G. L. Dutton), a

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ENGLE, MOSER TO VISIT CITY

Norman W. Engle, secretary of the rehabilitation committee of the thirteenth division, including Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and State Adjutant Carl Moser, of the American Legion, will be here tonight with Paul Davis when Mr. Davis appears at a meeting in the city hall building in connection with the Legion's five-million-dollar endowment fund drive.

A large crowd is expected to be in the municipal building this evening as interest in Union county's part of the campaign seems to be keen.

TO SELL MIMIRS

A small number of Mimirs which had been ordered were recalled for due to sickness and other causes. These extra magazines which contain the student's record of the school year and high school activities will be placed on sale at the Newlin Book Store tomorrow.

Baccalaureate Sermon To Be Preached Sunday

The baccalaureate services for the graduating class of the high school will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening. The public is invited to attend.

The program for the services follows:

Organ prelude—Mrs. H. D. Young.

Hymn, "America"—Choir and congregation.

Invocation—Reverend William P. Hall, pastor Zion Lutheran church.

Song, "Softly Now the Light of Day"—Boys' quartet.

Scripture reading—Reverend S. W. Cressay, pastor St. Peter's Episcopal church.

Anthem, "Lovely Appar"—Gospel—High school glee club.

Sermon—Reverend G. A. Pollard, pastor Baptist church.

Song, "Sun of My Soul"—Boys' quartet.

Benediction—Reverend Pollard.

FLOYD HALL CAPTURED BY POLICE

Youthful Murderer Taken in Japanese Rooming House Raid

POSSES SEARCH FOR JOE TANKO

When Hall Was Arrested His Only Comment Was, "I Know What This Means—It's the Noose."

SACRAMENTO (By the Associated Press).—Floyd Hall, youthful murderer, who with Joe Tanko escaped from San Quentin April 27th last, lies in jail, held incommunicado. He was captured last night without a fight.

Acting on a tip from a citizen the police invaded a Japanese rooming house, walked into a dark room and found Hall under a bed. Hall had no arms when captured. His only comment was, "I know what this means—it's the noose."

Some officials took this remark as an admission that it was Tanko and Hall who April 18th shot and killed H. J. Litzner, local merchant, while attempting to rob his store.

An intensive search is on for Tanko.

COMMERCIAL CLUB HAD NO PART IN INJUNCTION SUIT

ASTORIA (By the Associated Press).—The Union County Chamber of Commerce of La Grande had no part in the injunction suit brought against the state highway commission to prevent award of a contract for paving the Columbia highway from Astoria to Svenson.

It is declared in a letter from Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the La Grande chamber, to the Astoria chamber of commerce.

The letter condemns the use of the La Grande organization's name by Jay Bowerman.

D. C. Stephenson Trial Is Set for June 2nd

INDIANAPOLIS (By the Associated Press).—Judge Collins, in criminal court today, overruled a motion to quash an indictment charging D. C. Stephenson with the murder of Miss Madge Oberholzer.

Following the decision Stephenson, with Earl Klink and Earl Gentry, co-defendants, entered a plea of not guilty. The trial was set for June 2.

Rescue Crews Strive To Reach Buried Man

BETTE (By the Associated Press).—Rescue crews, working toward the spot where Gus Holden was entombed in the west Columbian, believed at an early hour this morning that they were within three feet of the spot where he was caught, though he may have been carried below the 200-foot level by the caving rock. The work is slow on account of the broken formations. No communication has been established and little hope is held that the man will be found alive.

Patricide to Be Sent To the Insane Asylum

CHICAGO (AP)—George D. Shaw, who strangled his father, Bruce Shaw, inventor, with a German sabre, was found to have been insane at the time of the slaying, and still to be insane by a criminal court jury which deliberated only briefly.

Sentence was postponed but the shell shocked young World war veteran will be sent to an asylum for the insane, Judge Wells indicated.

Complaints Against 5 Timber Firms Dropped

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Dismissal of complaints against five western lumber companies was announced Thursday night by the federal trade commission. The complaints, naming the Cour d'Alene Mill company, Cour d'Alene, Idaho; Grande Ronde Lumber company, Perry, Ore.; McGoldrick Lumber company, Spokane, Wash.; Deer Park Lumber company, Deer Park, Wash.; and Shevlin Hixson company, Bend, Ore., had charged the companies with selling western pine and western white pine. The complaints were dismissed on the ground that before they were served on the respondents the practice complained of had been discontinued.

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She Says Its Natural, But--



Dorothy May Nourse, 10, of Roxbury, Mass., who has won eight beauty prizes in her home state, says her beauty is natural, but she shows excellent technique in handling her lip stick.

Exercise, swimming and riding horseback has enabled her to fill her home with beauty trophies, she says.

COAST GUARD RAIDS VESSEL

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Six hundred bottles of alleged champagne, liquor and a quantity of alleged liquor filled candles were seized aboard the Lloyd Royal Belge steamer Mercier at her pier in Brooklyn.

The Mercier arrived Wednesday and the seizure late Thursday automatically prohibits the ship's leaving port until a fine estimated at between \$2000 and \$2500 is paid.

The seizure, made by a squad from the office of the surveyor of the port, is the first of any consequence since the coast guard began its intensive blockade or raid row. Most of the liquor was said to have been found hidden inside on top of the boilers and in the water and oil tanks.

Two Men Brought Here Face Robbery Charge

Jess Broehers, county sheriff, returned on Number 17 this morning from Kansas City bringing with him William Buck, 27, and H. B. Sappington, 25, who are wanted here to face charges of robbery.

Mr. Broehers was gone about 10 days. He said that Sappington and Buck were glad to see him when he arrived for the Kansas City authorities had not been particularly hospitable to them. The men are charged with "robbery by force and violence while not being armed with a dangerous weapon."

Their hearing will probably be held tomorrow.

Five Points Creek To Be Opened June First

On recommendation of John Walden, county game warden, the state game commission passed a ruling opening Five Points creek for fishing on June first of this year. At first information stated that the creek would be opened immediately but since Mr. Walden received a letter from A. E. Burghardt, state game warden, stating that the Five Points creek will open on June first.

Mr. Walden recommended that Five Points be opened because of the logging operations which are to start along the creek, above Hillgard during the summer.

A Few Ideas About An "Explosion" of Atoms

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LOSSES AT RIFF FRONT ARE HEAVY

Both French and Tribesmen Said to Have Large Casualty Lists

WOUNDED PILE UP BEHIND THE LINES

Madrid Reports Say That Situation Is Becoming Critical; Consternation Reigns.

(By the Associated Press) Heavy losses on both sides are reported in French Morocco. The Riffian advance has been checked and a sanitary team has been sent to the Riffian front.

French reinforcements continue to arrive, including heavy artillery to crush the Riff gun positions. Riffian propaganda among other tribes is apparently bearing fruit, Spanish advisers say, and uprisings are threatening among the tribesmen between Fez and Taza.

Situation Critical. Senational Madrid reports say the situation in the French zone is critical and that consternation is reigning behind the fighting lines owing to the increasing influx of wounded, with the military hospitals crowded.

These Madrid reports, based on returning travelers' stories, add that the Riff captured a French air field with planes and other materials, and also took many prisoners.

The French have abandoned the idea of asking Spain for permission to bombard Riffian bases in the Spanish zone, Paris says, but will seek to inflict severe defeat upon the invaders each time they sail over the border.

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DIVORCE SUIT ACTION FAILS

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Supreme Court Justice Geierich today dismissed the divorce suit brought by Mrs. Lillian N. Duke against James Buchanan Duke, tobacco magnate.

He raised the question of the finality of a decree granted Duke after a trial in New Jersey 20 years ago. The court held this decree was final.

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