

NEW SEWAGE PLANT HELD NECESSARY

Present System Doing About One-Fourth of Work It Should

REPORT IS GIVEN CITY COMMISSION

State Board of Health Letter Is Evidence of Unsatisfactory Condition of Plant Here.

La Grande's present sewage system, which, according to the State Board of Health, is functioning about one-fourth of what it should in a decided liability to the city's welfare, according to local authorities, including attorneys and city engineers directly interested, and in case nothing is done to correct the situation, city officials fear it may cause several large lawsuits against the city and possibly an injunction suit to prevent the city from making use of it further.

Opinions have been expressed during the past few months in local circles that farmers who are directly affected might, if they chose to do so, bring suit against the city that would result disastrously for La Grande citizens.

Such action would be based on the unsanitary and inadequate condition of the present system which, because of flow of sewage not properly stored and odors resulting therefrom, causes a great nuisance, according to farmers who have to contend with this condition.

Awaiting Election Results

It is understood that such action is being postponed until further evidence that nothing will be done to correct the evil appears.

The city commissioners are doing everything possible to attend to the matter they declare, and for this reason, inserted on the ballot for the June 3rd special municipal election the \$195,000 bond issue for the building of a new sewage disposal plant. If this is not voted down, they state they will be powerless to do anything and the city may face a period of grief such as has never been experienced here before.

Report on Condition.

The following report on the condition of the present sewage disposal plant was presented to the city commission and has been determined to be corrected in every detail:

"The sewage disposal plant consists of a single story septic tank and a chlorinating basin. The septic tank, 70 by 30 feet in superficial dimensions, has an effective depth varying between 4 and 7 feet below the lip of the outlet sewer and a storage capacity approximating 252,000 gallons. In operation and results this tank is subject to the same objections and faults as

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MISS TRICKEY PLANS VISIT

Union Stock Show officials have secured Lorena Trickey, world's champion woman rider, and Harry Walters, world's champion trick rider, for the Union stock show this year, June 16, 17 and 18.

"There will also be a larger exhibit of draft horses this year than for several years, according to officials. There has already been a number of good race entries and the races this year are expected to be unusually good.

Endowment Fund Drive Committees Are Named

Committees have been appointed by the American Legion here for the opening of the national five million dollar endowment fund drive and the campaign in Oregon for the Doernbecher hospital. The city has been grouped into districts, with one or more men assigned to each district. The business section will be covered on Tuesday and the residence section the following day.

Seniors Will Get Diplomas This Evening

Commencement Exercises to Be Held in L. D. S. Tabernacle; Schools Close 1924-25 Term.

President J. S. Landers, of the Oregon Normal school will deliver the commencement address here this evening at the L. D. S. Tabernacle, when seventy-one students will be presented with diplomas signifying that they have completed the necessary course of study to graduate from the La Grande high school.

The evening's program follows: Invocation, Reverend O. W. Jones, of the First Christian Church; musical number, "Hall Freedom Home" by Ward, the high school glee club; address, "Challenge of Life," President Landers of the Oregon Normal school; musical number "The Song of the Light Canon" by Sawyer, boys quartet; presentation of diplomas by Colonel R. Eberhard, chairman of the Board of Education, and the Benediction by Reverend Hall K. Wallis of the Island City Community Church.

Following the program the mothers of the graduates will give a reception for them at the domestic science rooms of the high school. The Junior class is also invited to attend the reception, which will be followed by dancing in the school gymnasium.

Schools Close Term.

All schools in La Grande brought to a close the 1924-25 term today and, with the exception of the commencement exercises this evening, nothing remains now between the students and three months of vacation.

BAKER GRADUATES 58.

PRINCIPAL F. S. KNIGHT last evening gave their diplomas to fifty-eight graduates of Baker high school who were given their diplomas by Principal F. S. Knight last evening, before one of the largest gatherings ever assembled in the high school auditorium.

Enterprise Graduates Hear Rev. J. H. Secor

ENTERPRISE, Ore., (Special)—Their high school days ended, the 1925 graduates of the Enterprise school received their diplomas Wednesday night. The exercises were held in the school gymnasium which was filled with the large audience, attracted by the boys and girls they knew on the stage, and well repaid in an entertaining and stimulating address by Rev. John H. Secor of Pendleton.

Sprinkler Truck Will Be Used on Highways

The sprinkler truck will be used on the section of the La Grande-Wallahe lake highway between Island City and Imbler during the night, according to announcement by the state highway department here this morning. This class was held at the new plant and this is being done to help smooth it.

GIRL IS ACQUITTED

CHICAGO (AP)—Lucille Wunch, 16, who shot Miss Agnes Simcock to whom her father was paying attention, was acquitted yesterday by the coroner's jury. Miss Simcock died Wednesday night.

The jury held that Lucille accidentally killed her while "cutting" from hysterical frenzy brought on by a scuffle between her mother and the slain woman.

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Governor to View Projects

SALEM, Ore.—Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, with headquarters at Washington, has invited Governor Pierce to accompany him on an inspection trip over the Baker and Vale irrigation projects. The governor has accepted. The dates have not yet been determined.

Honeymooning in Mexico



Claire Windsor and Bert Lytell, film stars, were married at Juarez, Mexico, by a native magistrate. Immediately after the ceremony they began a honeymoon trip to Mexico City in a special car tendered them by the Mexican government.

SHEARING OF SHEEP ENDED

Among the larger flocks of sheep in the Union vicinity most of the shearing is finished, according to H. G. Avery, county agriculturalist. Ed Miller, one of the largest sheep men in that vicinity, reports that his entire number of sheep are shorn and the wool hauled into storage. The Vogel Brothers have also practically completed their shearing. They report that the wool clip this season is heavier than the average.

NO WORD FROM FLYERS TODAY

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The North American Newspaper Alliance said at noon today it had received no word of the progress of the Amundsen expedition since the planes hopped off at Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, yesterday afternoon.

COUPLE WED SIXTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. William Schroeder, of Island City, were married sixty years ago May 21, 1865, at Quincy, Illinois. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary yesterday at their home in Island City.

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HUGE RUM RING FOUND BY AGENTS

Federal Officers Raid Headquarters in Boston District Today

LARGE FLEET IN SMUGGLING GAME

Wholesale Bootleggers and Prominent People Patrons of Ring, Records Indicate.

BOSTON (By the Associated Press)—Federal officers who raided an office in Haymarket square today expressed the belief that they had uncovered the biggest rum running organization found here since the advent of prohibition.

The records seized, they said, revealed that three steamers, with schooners and a fleet of 35-knot speed boats were used and that wholesale bootleggers and prominent persons throughout the country were customers.

XTRA

LUMBER MILL BURNED TACOMA, WASH. (AP)—The Carlson lumber company's mill near Mineral burned today with a loss of about \$50,000. The mill is to be rebuilt immediately, the company announced.

EARL OF YPRES DEAD

DEAL, Eng. (AP)—The Earl of Ypres, better known as the field marshal, French and British world war hero, died today at the age of 73 years.

DELAY INDICATED

WASHINGTON (AP)—A definite delay in the funding of the Belgian debt to the United States is seen here in the overthrow of the Belgian cabinet which had given assurances that negotiations would begin soon.

While there is no indication that the trip to Brussels by the Belgian ambassador to Washington might be delayed, it is realized that elections must be held and that the new government must have time to get its bearings before undertaking the debt funding.

FRENCH ENGAGE RIFF FORCES IN VICIOUS BATTLE

PEZ, French Morocco (By the Associated Press)—French forces had violent fighting with the Rifians yesterday, according to reports here today. Complete French success is indicated.

Klamath Attorney Resigns.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Press of other business was given by J. H. Carnahan in announcing his resignation as Klamath county attorney for the state world war veterans' aid commission. He has held the post for several years. His successor has not yet been announced from Salem.

Vacation Bible School Registration Tomorrow

La Grande's Daily Vacation Bible School program is being rounded into shape for the school to open according to schedule on Monday morning. The school has been in contemplation for several weeks and the public has displayed interest in this first venture for a school of this kind in La Grande.

Sending 75,000 Postcards

If a business man wished to send you a small message about his business every day in a month and cover the La Grande territory efficiently, he would have to get out a total of about 75,000 postcards during the 26 days. The postage cost would be over a thousand dollars.

In the Observer he can send you such a small message every day in the month for a total cost of \$20 on a contract basis—covering the territory completely. That's low reader cost.

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Faces Gallows



After terrorizing the Sacramento Valley with his pal, Joe Tanko, with whom he escaped from San Quentin, Floyd Hall, caught in Sacramento, Calif., now awaits trial for murder of a merchant. Pictured here with Bernard McShane, chief of police of Sacramento, Hall is shown in his "working clothes," looking the part of an honest ranch hand.

POLAND PAYS DEBT TO U. S.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Funding of the debt of the republic of Poland to the United States was formally completed at Acting Secretary Winston of Polish bonds amounting to \$178,500,000.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Official Washington read with interest overnight news dispatches presenting new developments in the inter-allied debt situation, lately revived by announcement that the government is desirous of receiving from its ripe European debtors suggestions for settlement proposals.

Particular attention was given to advices from London, crediting William H. Green, chairman of the ways and means committee, with the opinion that France might insist upon relating her debt payments to receipts of repatriated funds.

POLAR FLIGHT IS UNDER WAY

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The North American Newspaper Alliance announced that it had received a dispatch from King's Bay, Spitzbergen, Thursday evening, stating the two flying boats of the Amundsen-Elliott polar expedition hopped off there at 5:15 Thursday afternoon for the north pole. The dispatch says that each plane carried three men.

The Amundsen expedition attempted for the pole is presumably being carried out according to the long considered and carefully devised plans previously announced in an Associated Press dispatch from Oslo, Norway, May 5. These called for one of the seaplanes making for the pole to be commanded by Captain Roald Amundsen and the other by Lincoln Ellsworth, the American engineer-explorer.

It was expected that making more than 10 miles a day to the pole, which lies about 600 miles away from King's Bay, should be reached in about 8 hours. The airplanes were to carry gasoline in sufficient quantities for two hours more than necessary for the entire round trip from Spitzbergen to the pole.

The plan called for a landing at the pole where it was expected observations would attempt to locate the pole's exact position, this operation requiring several hours. It was thought possible the planes might have to land several times during the northward trip and back and that they might not return to Spitzbergen for several days. The arrangement was that the pilot in one

Davis Has Immigration Plan He May Introduce

(By Charles F. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—Secretary of Labor Davis is going to urge congress strongly, when it meets next, to put Canada and Latin America on a quota immigration basis. Canada, which is presently independent, may not care Latin America is very sensitive.

Except the Mexicans, the number of Latin American immigrants into the United States is negligible. Secretary Davis admits it. He agrees that South Americans would be practically excluded on

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2 SLAYERS HANGED AT STATE PEN

L. W. Peare and Arthur Covelle Pay Extreme Penalty for Crimes

EXECUTION SAID MOST GREWSOME

Pierce, After Listening to Pleas of Portland Delegation, Refused to Extend Clemency.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—L. W. Peare and Arthur Covelle, Coos county slayers, were hanged at the penitentiary this morning.

Peare dropped through the trap at 7:57 and was pronounced dead 11 minutes later. Covell dropped through at 8:34 but the fall failed to break his neck and he was strangled to death. He was pronounced dead 20 minutes afterwards.

Officials said the hangings were the most gruesome seen here in years.

Pierce maintains stand Governor Pierce, after listening to a Portland delegation that asked commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment late yesterday, refused to extend executive clemency to Covell and Peare.

The governor said he had studied the case from every angle and could find nothing to justify clemency.

The two condemned men accepted the governor's decision philosophically. Peare had expressed the wish that the governor would commute Covell's sentence.

When Peare dropped an old wound in his neck, inflicted in a suicide attempt, broke open. The air whistled through his lacerated throat.

Went to Dent, Calhoun. Covell, a helpless cripple, was strapped to a board after being taken from his wheel chair.

Both men went to their deaths calmly.

Peare, aged mountaineer, said last night, "I had trouble all my life. The months I had been in prison have been the calmest I have ever known. I have gained health and flesh. I want to die and right now wouldn't trade places with any other man here."

Before he was strapped to the board Covell said, "I wish all well. I have no ill will toward any one. Good bye to you all."

ILLINOIS HARD HIT BY STORM

ST. LOUIS (By the Associated Press)—One man was reported killed and considerable property damage done by a severe storm which struck today in Hamilton and Salline counties, southern Illinois last night, according to reports received here today.

Meager advices said the storm leveled eighteen houses in Harrisburg. One man is said to have been killed at McLeansboro. Wire communication is disrupted.

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