

TWO SHIFTS OPERATED IN SAWMILL

Grande Ronde Lumber Company Has Increased Production Now

200 EMPLOYED IN PLANT AND WOODS

Pioneer Concern Has Seen Practically Constant Operation Since Back in 1889.

Editor's Note—This is the second of a series of weekly stories touching upon the industrial, agricultural and commercial resources of La Grande, Union and Wallawa counties which will be published in the Evening Observer.

An idea of the value of an institution such as the Grande Ronde Lumber Company to the community may be gained from the statement that during 35 years of operation this company has furnished steady employment to an average of 250 men.

Many of these have been with the company for more than 20 years while the employees who have been in service for more than the usual length of time are in the majority.

In point of service Fred Polman and Lewis Handall hold the record with 25 years of employment with the Grande Ronde. They started with the mill in 1892. Other employees who have served 20 years or over are Eugene Bonham 24 years, William Caldwell, 20 years, J. D. Rogerson, 24 years, Axel Johnson, 31 years, Fred Robertson, 27 years and Harry Hansen, 20 years.

Such a record is significant and speaks volumes for the business policies for the Grande Ronde Lumber Company proving effectively the sound, conservative rules which guided the founders of this

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CLUB PLANNING FOR CONTESTS

In order that all interested will better understand the prizes that were offered through the neighborhood club when the picture library was presented to the local library, the schedule is given below in full.

The winner in a memory contest in each ward school will be awarded a cash prize of \$10 and a complete set of art material from the American Grayson company. In addition Richardson's Art Store will present a framed picture to hang in the room of the winner.

Four of the four winners, one from each ward, will enter a final contest and the winner in this will be given a cash prize of \$25 from the club and another box of art material.

The high school will also have the privilege of contests and prizes. These contests will be by classes—the freshmen class prize

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Eugene Holmes Taken By Death Early Today

Eugene Albert Holmes, vice president of the Oregon Timber and Lumber company of Portland, passed away here this morning at the termination of an illness of long standing. Funeral services will be held at the Episcopal church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Knights Templar and the church. His body will be sent to Portland Sunday evening for cremation at the Portland crematorium Monday noon and the ashes will be returned to Union county, to be placed in the family vault at

Mr. Holmes was born in Walla Walla, Wash., December 4, 1863, and died at the age of 66 years, months and 23 days. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Holmes, were pioneers in this district. Mr. Holmes moved from the Grande Ronde valley in 1902 when he was associated with the L. C. and M. company, to Wallawa in 1905. He remained until 1913. In 1914 he was associated with Nibbles-Minnaugh Lumber

Home-coming Of Unit Is Postponed

Latest Advices Are That Company E Will Arrive Here Tomorrow at 7:20 A. M.

Company E, 186th Infantry, La Grande's unit of the Oregon National Guard, failed to arrive this morning on train No. 24 as they were scheduled to do.

The reason for the delay in arrival is not known but information has been received here that they will return here tomorrow morning at 7:20 o'clock on No. 4. A large number of local people, who met No. 24 this morning, were disappointed because of the postponement of the home-coming of the guardsmen.

LEGIONNAIRES STAGE PARADE

BEND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Pendleton and La Grande American Legion drum corps each paraded in turn through the Bend streets Friday evening, for the Pendleton where the American Legion convention is now in session.

Yesterday was Bend's day at the convention.

PRINEVILLE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The election of officers is the outstanding matter of business for the closing session of the Oregon American Legion convention.

Marshfield and North Bend were unanimously chosen late yesterday for the next convention.

La Grande After 1926 Real Estate Meeting

At a meeting of the La Grande Realty board last evening at the office of George Currey arrangements were made and plans discussed for the Northwest Real Estate Convention to be held at Bellingham, Washington, July 30 to August 1. The local realtors will attend the convention in a body and are arranging several items to get the convention for La Grande in 1926. They are cooperating with other towns of the northwest, who looking favorably toward La Grande for next year's meeting.

Musical numbers and other attractions are being planned to honor La Grande.

To have the convention here would mean much to La Grande and Grande Ronde valley, realtors say. The local board would also take the visitors to Wallawa lake and other points of interest in this part of the state. Between three and four hundred delegates would probably attend the convention, coming from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

Senator Charles A. Hall, of Marshfield, president of the Telephone Company there, accompanied by Mr. Gates, general manager of the company were in La Grande yesterday. They visited here with S. D. Crowe yesterday afternoon, after which they motored to Wallawa lake and back. They spent the night here and left early this morning en route west, expecting to stop at Pendleton and other points.

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Making Summer Menus

One of the pleasing features of The Observer's Free Cooking School to be held the week following the Fourth will be daily menus expertly prepared with special attention to hot weather requirements.

The menus will be published in The Observer's issue preceding each day's instruction. And every day's program promises something interesting and practical for the housewives of the community. Plan now to attend each of the five days.

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STUDENT IS ARRESTED BY POLICE

Bliss Baker, Collegian, Admits Part in Extortion Plot

POLICE SEEKING GEORGE BEEMAN

Ambition of Two Was "to Plan and Execute a More Perfect Crime" Than Loeb-Leopold One

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Bliss Baker, 24, senior at the University of California, told his mother when she visited him in jail last night, that he was responsible for an attempt made yesterday to obtain \$50,000 from Daniel C. Jackling, mining magnate, under threat that Mrs. Jackling had been kidnaped, police announced today.

The demand for \$50,000 was received by Jackling after his wife had been called to San Mateo on the pretense that her sister, Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, had been seriously injured in an accident there.

Baker Arrested. Jackling notified the police and Baker was arrested at a point where the ransom money was to be delivered.

Baker said after he was arrested that he had received orders to participate in the plot from a mysterious Chinese, but later admitted that the entire scheme was concocted by himself and a book agent pal named George Beeman. The police are seeking Beeman.

Baker told the police that he and Beeman had studied criminology. "We followed every step of the Loeb-Leopold case and it was our ambition to plan and execute a more perfect crime than theirs," he said.

PIRATES FACE STRONG TEAM

Buck Hein's fire is up. It has been said in certain quarters that the Pendleton team has something of a jinx on him and that he will have a great deal of trouble beating the Bucks. Hein thinks he can beat the Pendleton club with the proper support and the managers of the Pirates think he can for they are giving him his change against them at Pendleton tomorrow afternoon.

The La Grande twirler has one 7 to 4 victory over the Pendleton club to his credit and there is no reason in the world why this performance cannot be repeated. With greater familiarity with the hitters on the Pendleton team and the increased confidence of stronger support than usual Hein should place the Pirates in the winning column. Then, again, Pendleton has lost Homer Taylor, one of the strongest and most consistent hitters on the club.

Hughie McKenna, Oregon Agricultural college athlete, and Leo Faust, Whitman college inl player, are expected to materially strengthen the Pirate infield. With McKenna playing short stop, Faust on second, Knight on first and the reliable Tom Gossett playing third the La Grande infield should combine a lot of good features. McKenna and Faust are unusually fast. Knight is steady and Gossett, the old hand, should add stability to the playing of the youngsters.

To Strengthen Field. The addition of McKenna to the squad leaves Spud Helm available for the left field position. This should strengthen the entire team considerably for Spud can cover a lot of territory in this, the garden where most of the fly ball work usually is although with so many left handed hitters the right fielder may get a little more work Sunday. Either Davis or Alesander will play right field. Jefferson Cunningham will back up the entire party from center field. Although he has never been patted on the back much Cunningham, the

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1,287 Forest Pledges Signed in La Grande

Many La Grande children who would otherwise have nothing to do during vacation have entered the chamber of commerce forest fire prevention pledge contest with enthusiasm. At the present writing 1,287 pledges have been properly signed and turned in to the office by the children. Adamu Leighton is six points ahead of his nearest competitor for first place, Everett Reynolds. The contest will close July 2nd.

JUST A FEW WAYS TO BEAT THE HEAT!



STORM BRINGS SOME RELIEF

Maximum Friday—90. Minimum last night—67. Today, 1 p. m.—90.

After the thermometer climbed to 95 degrees above yesterday afternoon, probably reaching the maximum at about 4 o'clock, it began a gradual decline terminating in a severe thunder storm over about half of the Grande Ronde valley about 10 o'clock that was accompanied by high winds and rain. The central part of the storm, judging by the lightning, must have been about two or three miles west of La Grande in the hilly territory.

The storm swept over the southwestern and western part of the Grande Ronde valley, and was most severe between Union and La Grande, according to reports. Co's reports only a light sprinkle and timber had no rain to speak of although high winds there resulted in a dust storm of no small size.

The light and power service was interrupted because of lightning and winds here last night for about an hour and 15 minutes. Only one primary circuit was out, however—at the corner of Fourth and Adams.

The rain undoubtedly did a great deal of good to the growing crops in this territory besides cooling off the territory in its path.

Today promises to be nearly as warm as yesterday with thermometers in town registering in the 80's this morning and climbing gradually.

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Situation in Shanghai Is Reported Improving

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—With the exception of the shipping strike, the situation here is improving.

Eighty percent of the stores which were closed during the recent disturbances, have reopened.

Amoy reports acute situation with student demonstrations continuing. Foreign warships have gone there.

Glowing Tribute Paid To Mrs. Dora Schilke

Chapter 1, P. E. O., met at the home of Mrs. H. S. Brown in special meeting yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called to honor the memory of Mrs. Dora E. Schilke, whose death occurred a short time ago. Two beautiful sermons were given by Mrs. A. L. Richardson and Mrs. E. P. Messman spoke tenderly of the good Mrs. Schilke contributed to the world. She paid a glowing tribute to her P. E. O. sister.

The meeting yesterday was the last until September.

Five Executed Friday For Killing Fellowmen

STATE PENITENTIARY, Edenville, Ky. (AP)—George Farrell, Richard Newhouse and Elmer Hall, the "bourbon bandits", who killed Frank Buchanan in an attempted bank robbery at Clintonville a year ago, paid in full for their crime Friday. Calvary the three Newport, Ky. youths entered the death house and were electrocuted.

Commission Sanctions Trail Park Memorial

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The highway commission yesterday granted the request of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers to provide a mammoth basalt boulder for Emigrant Park.

The boulder will be placed at a selected location and the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers will construct a concrete foundation for it and place upon it a bronze tablet.



'OPEN BOOKS' ARE FAVORED

Assemblage for public use of the best practices and policies in the electric light and power business of America, was the work of the National Electric Light association convention, held in San Francisco, June 15th to June 20th, from which J. P. Lottridge, vice president and general manager of Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, has just returned.

Stressing the fact that the electric utilities should continue their

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Caillaux Bill Passed By French Senate 26-29

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The senate today passed the Caillaux financial bill by a vote of 26 to 29. The chamber of deputies passed the bill early today.

Finance Minister Caillaux termed the passage as the first step toward putting France on a gold basis.

Arctic Expedition on Way to Frigid Regions

SYDNEY, N. E. (By the Associated Press)—The schooner Arctic expedition left here this morning for the north.

ROBBER GETS \$3,000

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—An unmasked robber, armed with a revolver, today held up the Parkers State bank, in the suburban district, and forced Charles Crum, assistant cashier, to lie face down on the floor while he gathered about \$3,000 cash and escaped. The police were informed. The same bank was held up last February.



While the mercury is playing hide and seek between 90 and 100 degrees, here's a few suggestions for keeping cool. The upper left is one way the youngsters "beat the heat." The right shows a rippling stream, and there are many in Union and Wallawa counties, where one may while away some of the hottest hours. And last but not least, swimming is enjoyable.

TAZA ATTACK LARGEST YET

FEZ, French Morocco (By the Associated Press)—The offensive against the French in the Taza region was one of the most important moves he has yet made in the eastern sector, official information shows.

His forces numbered between 5000 and 6000 men.

The action lasted from Tuesday until Thursday, the tribesmen disputing the territory foot by foot and making vigorous counterattacks until finally driven back to their lairs.

French machine gunners and aviators did good service and tribes friendly to the French took a large part in the repelling of the tribal attacks.

Kellogg Not Pleasing Nations to the South

(By Charles F. Stewart) WASHINGTON, (AP) special)—For a secretary of state who went into office with the development of Pan-American friendship and solidarity among his mottoes, Frank B. Kellogg isn't making very satisfactory progress toward better relations between the United States and the republics to the south.

However excellent his reasons may have been for his recent warning to President Calles against the growth of radicalism in Mexico, he hasn't endeared himself to the rest of the Latin new world by it.

The latter diplomatic representatives here naturally aren't saying anything for publication, but there were numerous quiet smiles among them at Calles' epiphany, which virtually invited Secretary Kellogg to go hunt a warmer climate—of which there's

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SHEPHERD ACQUITTED BY VERDICT

Accused Man Is Freed of Charge of Murdering Foster Son

FACES ANOTHER MURDER TRIAL

After Jurors Returned with Verdict, Crowd in Chicago Court Room Cheered Loudly.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—William Darling Shepherd Friday night was acquitted of the murder of his foster son, William Nelson McClintock.

The jury deliberated 5 hours and 40 minutes. Members of it would not divulge the number of ballots taken nor the methods by which they reached final agreement. They said that they had taken a collective oath not to reveal the record of the balloting.

As a result of the verdict, Shepherd Friday night walked from the Cook county jail a free man, after having been in custody since March 15 last.

He still faces another murder charge, but Judge Thomas J. Lynch agreed to permit him to sign his own bond.

At the same time the coroner's jury recommended he be held for the murder of Billy McClintock it directed that he be held for the

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ELKDOM WILL OWN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Elkdom will own Portland for one solid week, from July 12 to 18, when the sixty-first grand lodge reunion of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be held in this city.

More than 20 special trains have been arranged to bring delegates and club members from all parts of the country, and thousands are expected to come by automobile and by boat. There will be bands, drum corps and drill teams, and many of the lodges have arranged to send their delegations in special uniforms.

The outstanding spectacular event of the convention will be the grand lodge parade, July 16, in which 75,000 members of the order are expected to participate.

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Country Club Meeting To Be Held Monday Eve

A meeting of the country club membership has been called for 8 o'clock Monday evening in the city hall. Matters of finance and the changing of the date of the annual meeting will come up for discussion.

MAY TRANSFERRED

Word has been received here from Captain Everett May, well known O. A. C. athlete, who has many friends here that he has been transferred to Hawaii and will sail from San Francisco this fall. Captain May has been stationed at Clemson College South Carolina. It is possible that he will visit in La Grande during the summer.

PEADS GUILTY

CONCORDIA, Kan. (AP)—Charles B. Davies, retired merchant, today pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to kill in connection with a plot to slay his wife last fall and was sentenced to from one to 10 years imprisonment.

NEGROES EXECUTED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Jack Butler and Perk Flowers, negroes, were put to death in the electric chair at the state penitentiary here Friday morning. Each was convicted of a murder.

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