

HALF YEAR BUILDING \$145,087

More Than 40 Residences Erected in La Grande Since January 1

SMALLER BUSINESS HOUSES GOING UP

Figures Available Show There is Little Chance of Equalling Mark Set Last Year.

Building in La Grande has apparently passed the peak this year and is well on the way to normal...

131 Permits Issued. Up until July 1, 1925, a total of 131 building permits had been issued...

PHY TO SPEAK TO PIONEERS

"Pioneers and Pioneers' Sons and Daughters" is the subject chosen by Dr. W. T. Phy for his address at the annual pioneer meeting at Riverside park tomorrow.

Tomorrow Is Last Day Of Grace For Dogs Here

Tomorrow, July 15th, is the last day that La Grande's canine population can run at large both day and night.

Sprinkling Restriction Great Help

Water Situation Materially Aided by Ruling City Officials Declare.

Although the water situation here has not grown materially worse since the sprinkling ruling was put into effect by city authorities, it is still necessary to maintain the every other day irrigation plan...

Little Chlorinating. This ruling has done away with such as was resorted to in past years because it conserves the supply to such an extent that but little pumping from the river and resultant chlorination is necessary.

Secretaries' Caucus Classed Successful

Earl Reynolds, accompanied by Mrs. Reynolds, arrived in La Grande yesterday from a vacation trip on which Mr. Reynolds attended the fifth annual short course for commercial secretaries held at Eugene under the auspices of the Secretaries' Association and the University of Oregon business administration department.

Flax Fields to Be Visited.

DALLAS, Ore.—Governor Pierce, State Treasurer Kay and others interested in the flax and linen industry in the Willamette valley, are expected to participate in the caravan that will leave here to inspect 15 experimental flax fields in Polk county which were planted at the instigation of the Millan chamber of commerce to ascertain the best type of soil on which to grow the crop.

SEARCHERS OPINION IS FEAR EVIL GIVEN UPON BEFELL TWO MEMBERSHIP

State Senators Cannot Hold Position on Fish Commission

RULING AFFECTS BEALS, GARLAND

Former to Resign Senatorship But Garland Will Quit Commission—Gratified at Chance.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—State Senator Beals, of Tillamook, cannot legally sit as a member of the state fish commission, to which he was appointed recently, and at the same time serve as senator.

It is understood that Beals will resign his senatorship but Garland stated that he will keep his senate seat and give up his commission post.

The opinion renders void all acts of the fish commission since Beals became a member in which his vote was necessary for a majority, and also all claims against the state which depended on his vote.

"I am very glad that the attorney general has so ruled," said Garland. "His opinion relieves me of a great responsibility that I did not want. I am very much gratified."

The possibility that the girls may have been aided in leaving the lonely region is considered by authorities and efforts are being made to communicate with relatives in Medford and Portland to ascertain if anything has been heard of the girls.

It is feared that the girls, who had been herding sheep for their father, may have met with a tragic fate.

Experienced trappers late yesterday found the footprints of a large man, leading from the girls' camp into dangerous caves.

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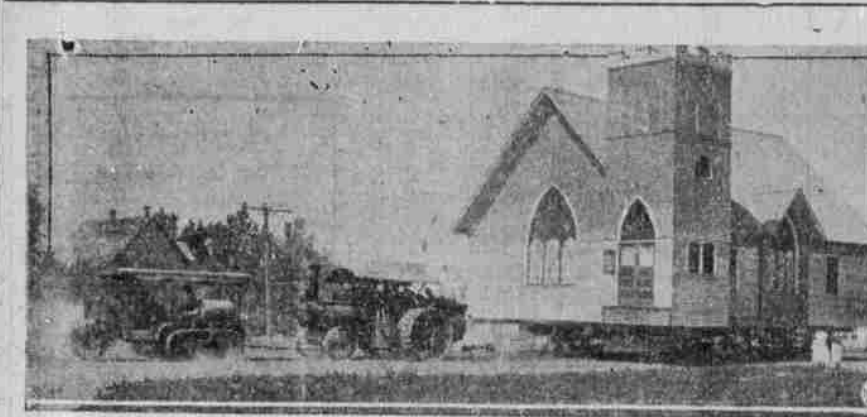
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American Falls Dam Dedicated; Whole Town Was Transplanted



When a town stands in your way just move it! When American Falls, Idaho, was found sitting right where it was planned to build a great reservoir for irrigation purposes, the engineers were not balked much. "Let's move it," said they, and set about to do it.

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DEFENSE'S MOTION IS NOT UPHELD

Presiding Jurist Denies Move to Quash the Scopes Indictment

OPENING PRAYER AGAIN PROTESTED

Judge Raulston, in Reply, Said That He Hoped the Prayers Would "Do Some Good."

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Opposers Of Prayer Hit By Governor

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WILL CONTEST BEFORE COURT

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WHIPPED AT POST

FREDERICK, Md. (AP)—Robert Shroyer, 28, convicted of wife beating, today was whipped at a post by the sheriff. Ten lashes were applied with a regulation black snake whip under a sentence passed Monday by Magistrate Motter. Shroyer shook hands with the sheriff after the sentence had been carried out.

Logging Cars Derailed Last Night Near Perry

A minor deralement on the main line of the O. W. R. and N. railway tracks took place at Perry last evening shortly before 5 o'clock, when six logging cars went off the track, blocking the main line for an hour and a half. No damage was done.

COMPLETE RECOVERY SWAMPBREEK, Mass. (AP)

Colonel John Coolidge, the president's father, has made such a complete recovery from his recent illness and operation, that Dr. James P. Couper, the White House physician, has found it possible to return to duty here.

Construction Company Moving to Austin, Ore.

The Security Construction company of which Sturgill Brothers are the active heads, was moving the morning from the quarters in the Foley building occupied for some months. The company was recently awarded a road contract for 20 miles of work between Unity and Austin, Oregon, and will make their headquarters in Austin until the job is completed. The company will operate two rock crushers as a part of the work in the new location.

Judge McCulloch to Hold Two Motion Days

Judge C. H. McCulloch of Baker will hold motion day in La Grande at the court house Friday and Saturday of this week. Judge J. W. Knowles of La Grande is in Portland and Judge McCulloch will act in his absence.

German Cabinet Reply Is Agreed Upon Today

BERLIN (By the Associated Press).—The German cabinet today agreed upon the tentative text of its reply to the French note regarding Germany's proposed for a Western European security pact.

FRENCH WIN TWO BATTLES

PARIS (By the Associated Press).—The French today defeated two attacks launched against them by Abdel Krim's Rifians upon positions protecting Fes and Taza.

TIME NOT RIPE, PARIS THINKS

PARIS (By the Associated Press).—This is not a propitious time for negotiations seeking revision in the extra territorial privileges in China, it was stated in official circles here today. The opinion was expressed that the essential preliminary for the proposed nine-power Chinese conference is that China restore order and show that she can maintain it.

Federal Taxes Coming Down, Stewart Asserts

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—What may this country expect in the way of tax changes in the next few years? It can feel perfectly sure of a lot of talk about reduction, and almost equally sure of higher taxes. Federal taxes are coming down. There's no bluff about that. State, county and city taxes are increasing steadily. The former are not being cut and cannot be cut and nobody has a right to say that they are cut as fast as the latter are rising. What does it profit the taxpayer to have a two per cent top-off on the federal burden if taxes that many per cent are added on to his local burden? Income taxes almost certainly will be trimmed by another 25 per cent next winter. This doesn't necessarily mean, however, that the man of moderate income will be relieved another 25 per cent, on top of his last year's relief. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is determined to give a large share of the benefit this time to taxpayers—a little of it to the smaller fry, but most of it to the big fish. How this will come out nobody knows yet. There'll be a per capita decrease, but some millions of people may not come in on the per capita. Next December will tell, most likely. There'll be further decreases after next winter, weathered along over several years, but they'll be