

OPERATIONS OF COMPANY MOVE AHEAD

East Oregon Lumber Concern Adds Another Shift at Enterprise

LARGEST MILL IN WALLOWA COUNTY

Three Hundred Eighty Men Employed by the Firm; Monthly Payroll Approximately \$55,000.

Editor's Note—This is the fifth of a series of weekly stories touching upon the industrial and commercial resources of La Grande, Union and Wallowa counties being published in the Evening Observer.

The most important lumber enterprise in Wallowa county, not including the Bowman-Hicks operations at Maxville, which are directly allied with the La Grande site of the concern, is the East Oregon Lumber company, located at Enterprise, Oregon.

This mill, like many others, has had hardships to combat, but in each case, overcome difficulties and now has a record that the officials take pride in.

The lumber company mill first started operation in November, 1915, ten years ago and four years later, in August, 1919, the mill was razed by fire. Next year, however, it was rebuilt and operations resumed in May. The present mill is a double band type, with a gang and with a capacity of 125,000 feet log scale. The annual capacity is 25,000,000 feet.

Important Factor. The East Oregon Lumber company is a very important factor in Enterprise's development, furnishing the city with a large payroll and employment for a large number of men.

Figures compiled by the company's officials show that 200 men

COUNTY APPLE MEN ORGANIZE

A large number of apple growers of Union county have organized and incorporated themselves into what is to be known as the Blue Mountain Fruit Exchange.

The rules and agreements among the growers are all based on sound business methods and experience. It is said.

At the first meeting of the stockholders, which was held last evening, the following were elected directors: Clay M. Fox, president; R. M. Durland, vice president; J. L. Westenskow, secretary; Wm. Miller, treasurer; Frank M. Martin.

Henry C. Griesel, who for the past 25 years has been in the wholesale fruit and apple shipping business in Portland, has been engaged as sales and business manager. Offices of the exchange will be located at 1525 Jefferson avenue, La Grande.

Prize List For Fish Contest Now Complete

- 1—Fly hook, W. H. Bohnenkamp Co.
2—5 gallons Zerolene, Standard Oil Co.
3—4 gallons gas, Hink Garage.
4—Shave and haircut, Ben Noyes, Eastern Brook.
5—Fair hunting boots, S. K. West Co.
6—200 lbs. coal, Sims & Co.
7—5 lb. box candy, Tiffin.
8—2 lbs. coffee, J. G. Smidgrass Grocery.
9—Shave and haircut, Foley Barber.
10—Dolly Varden.
11—Marlin reel, Nostin Book Co.
12—Coal, Waldenhaver & Gilbert.
13—Shave, haircut and shampoo, Bush shop.
14—5 lbs. cup grass, Physis Oil Co.
15—Fish, Individual Catch.
16—Electric Percolator, H. & S. Electric.
17—Hazer, Andrews Brothers.
18—Flashlight, Silverthorne & Wright.
19—Flashlight, O. H. & I. Co.

Realtors After 1926 Convention

Drive for the Northwest Meeting to Be Carried on at Bellingham Late This Month.

Final details are rapidly shaping here for an invasion of Bellingham the last of this month with the express purpose of capturing the 1926 convention of Northwest Realtors, according to announcement by local real estate men today.

Last year at Yakima, the La Grande delegation, headed by the chamber of Commerce quartet, took the convention by storm in an unexpected assault for the 1925 meeting and when the smoke of a sharp but short battle was over, La Grande had lost by a margin of eight votes. "The charge upon the convention and the remarkable hit by the quartet so impressed the 350 delegates at Yakima that by loud acclaim they pronounced La Grande the convention a year hence"—and on it hangs a story," says a local realtor.

The "it" in this case, it is said, is that the quartet be on the job at Bellingham. And the quartet is going to be there.

After some little uncertainties in the matter because of business engagements of the members, all question has been eliminated and the stagers are prepared to visit Bellingham. A quire of new song hits, improvised to fit the occasion, is now being prepared and La Grande is sure to get some splendid advertising from the warblers, the real estate men are sure.

Big Representation

The Big Board of this city will be represented at Bellingham by at least one man from each office. The committees in charge of the convention program are going to pick up the fight where it was left off last year and with the quartet acting as light artillery to attack at all points along the line where the generals may deem it advisable, loaded with good literature and a host of enthusiasm, the delegates will go to Bellingham with the expressed purpose of "bringing home the bacon."

The delegation will convene on July 29, but the quartet will not go into action until the next day.

OPEN AIR CARD EXPECTED TO BE LIVELY AFFAIR

The La Grande Athletic club open air boxing card to be staged at the municipal athletic field on the night of July 21 looks like a lively affair.

Two changes have been made on the card as first announced, both of which are expected to strengthen the program. Jim Moore, a colored lad, has been signed to fight the six-round main event with Bill Adams as opposition. Moore is rated highly down around Portland, according to the reports. He weighs 145 pounds and uses all his total avoid-ability in many of his punches. On the last big fight, taking at Portland Moore won a referee's decision from Robinson.

Plaintiff Wins Today In Foreclosure Action

On the foreclosure proceedings, United States Bank vs. Bert Conley et al, held in the circuit court this morning before Judge C. H. McCullough of Baker, judgment was awarded to the plaintiff.

She Failed!



Miss Lillian Harrison, Argentine mermaid, who failed in an attempt to swim the English channel a few days ago. She was compelled to give up five miles from her goal, Gertrude Edele, American star, will try to swim the channel from the English shore soon.

FARMERS FIELD TRIP TUESDAY

The 1925 Annual Farm Crops Excursion will take place next Tuesday, July 21, with D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro Experiment Station, leader of the excursion.

The party will meet at the J. D. Robbins farm one half mile west of the Moss Chapel at nine o'clock Tuesday morning. Everyone has been requested to bring their own lunch which will be at the J. A. Gasbarron farm at 12:30 noon with ice cream served to all guests.

The excursion will consist of visits to various test plots. Explanation of the methods and yields by the farmer-growers of each plot will be a feature of the trip.

The purpose of the excursion is to study farm crops and methods. The party last year visited the experimental station at Union and nearby farms. The itinerary this year will include the farms of J. D. Robbins, Grover Grinnitt, Clark Brothers, Alec McKenzie, W. R. Ledbetter, H. H. Hurst, Routh McKennon, J. A. Gasbarron and Frank McKennon.

HIGHWAY NOW READY TO USE

The opening of the section of the Old Oregon Trail highway between Latta Tree has been completed and the road was thrown open to traffic last evening. The road is not yet completely dry, but will be by Monday. There is little danger of the oil splashing, however, if the driver is careful to drive slowly, highway officials declare.

The six-mile section of the highway between Union and Tolocost is now being oiled but this road is not closed to traffic. Watchmen have been placed at both ends of the oiling and they are stationed at various places along the canyon. People traveling this road are asked to use caution and drive slowly. Fifteen miles per hour is the maximum speed limit.

Maximum Yesterday 96; Moderate Weather Seen

After extremely warm weather Thursday for this morning, when the mercury climbed to 92, the Grande Ronde valley, responding to a cooling breeze, partly energized from the heat wave yesterday. The maximum was 96 above and at 2 o'clock the thermometer registered 88. During the night the minimum was 72. This morning the mercury is around 84 and 50 and the weather reports indicate moderate temperatures for tonight and Sunday.

YIELD CUT 10 PERCENT IN COUNTY

Wheat Crop Decreased Since July 10, Reports Today Indicate

THURSDAY RAINS LARGELY LOCAL

Where Showers Occurred, Wheat Greatly Benefited; Spring Wheat is Still Burning.

In some sections of the Grande Ronde valley the grain is being scorched by the hot weather and in other parts is undamaged, according to reports arriving here this morning.

The rain Thursday was largely local, covering a wedge-shaped territory in and northeast of La Grande. No rain fell at Sumnerville and very little one and a half miles north of Inlander, although Inlander received a nice shower. Six miles southeast of La Grande only a slight sprinkle occurred.

Where the rain reached the wheat material benefit resulted, according to County Agent H. G. Avery.

General estimates of crop prospects here were cut 10 per cent between July 10 and today. "This is too low," Mr. Avery declares. "Some damage, much greater than was expected, is noted on alkaline ground and on sodded ground."

Opinions Given. Interviews with several farmers in the valley regarding the grain prospects follow:

"The wheat is burning badly in this section," states M. L. Carber of Cove.

"I will get a little benefit on my Sandridge farm from the recent rain," says Alec McKenzie, of Sumnerville.

"My spring wheat is burning considerably," says Frank McKennon of Alicet.

Winter Wheat Unhurt. The winter wheat is not showing much signs of injury by the heat.

SHEARERS TO GIVE CONCERT

A program has been arranged for tomorrow evening at eight o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church when James H. Shearer, organist, and Anna Strubbe Shearer, soprano, will appear in an organ and voice concert of unusual merit. Explanatory talks will be given previous to each number.

The program follows: Organ—"Doric Toccata," Bach; "Larghetto," Mozart. Voice—"Psalm 22, Smith. Organ—"Pavane," Wm. Byrd. "Soliloquy in G," Thos. Arno. Voice—"Hosanna," Lord. Organ—"Hillland Romance," J. H. Shearer; "Eclogue," H. Parker. Voice—"The Procession," Frank. Organ—"Böhémienne," Wolfenholme.

A Question Of Value

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EVOLUTION BROUGHT UP; PAPERS SHY

Editorial Association in Convention Refuses to Consider Matter

A. L. MALLERY IS NEW PRESIDENT

Next Convention of Oregon Newspapermen to Be Held at Prineville It Was Decided Today.

GRANTS PASS (By the Associated Press)—The Oregon State Editorial association in annual convention today refused to take a stand on the evolution question. Delegates tabled two resolutions, one of which declared against the passage of any law restricting either religion or education, and the other deploring the "tendency to create a political issue from evolution discussing."

A. L. Mallery, of the Oakland, Ore. Tribune, was elected president of the association and H. E. Moss, of Oregon City, secretary-treasurer. Prineville was chosen for the next convention.

The first of the tabled resolutions, proposed by Professor C. J. McIntosh, of the Oregon Agricultural college, declared the editorial association was opposed to any movement to introduce the Tennessee evolution fight into Oregon.

The second resolution was proposed by A. E. Koen of Oregon City who asserted that he had been informed that a movement was on foot to make the evolution question a political issue.

The convention adopted resolutions urging congress to enact legislation forbidding the postal department from continuing in the commercial printing business in competition with citizens, and approving the program adopted by the Pacific Coast Editorial association.

TAX REDUCTION IS PREDICTED BY SENATOR MOSES

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A substantial reduction of taxes by the next congress was predicted today by Senator Moses, New Hampshire, president pro tempore of the senate, who also expressed the hope that the tax reduction could be made retroactive to become effective when returns are made out next March.

Moses said the people in New England look it for granted that President Coolidge would be re-nominated and re-elected. "They regard this as certain as anything can be that is in the future," he declared.

Work Denies That He Would Quit Cabinet

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, has no intention whatever of resigning. His flat denial of rumors of his imminent retirement from the cabinet came as he passed through Chicago en route to Washington after a five weeks' tour of government reclamation projects in the northwest.

"Every time you hear a report like that," he told newspapermen, "just write a denial and publish it the next day. I have no intention whatever of resigning."

General White Is Ill; Condition Worse Today

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Adjutant General White, ill with intestinal influenza, is reported slightly worse this morning.

COIT TAKEN IN COUPLE

KLAMATH FALLS—A two-day-old child, deserted by its mother and half abandoned, was given a ten-mile ride in a small coupe to water and shelter by G. E. Marshall, Portland traveling man. The Portland man said he was the only one who saw the child while driving between Burns and Lakeview. He stopped to give it water, but the animal was such a pitiful sight he picked it up bodily and placed it in his coupe. The legs of the animal hung from the open window.

For ten miles Marshall drove his strange passenger over the rough road until he reached a farm house. There a woman gave the child shelter and was feeding it warm milk when the traveling man motored onward.

"The Life of the Party"



There's always room for a fat man, even aboard a battleship. For proof just take a look at Tony Augustus, stockkeeper on the U. S. S. Utah. Tony tips the scales at 365 pounds and is the "life of the party" as far as the Annapolis middles, now on their summer cruise, are concerned.

FLOOD WATERS SWEEP SEOUL

TOKIO (By the Associated Press)—Korean dispatches say that a large portion of the city of Seoul is inundated by a flood which caused the Seoul river to overflow its banks.

All lines of communication from Seoul to Korea are reported severed and indications are that the damage is worse than first reported.

VICE CONSUL SHOT IN BACK

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—American Vice Consul Harold G. Bhoethorn, at Acapulco, Mexico, was shot in the back and slightly wounded the night of July 16. The American embassy at Mexico City has been instructed by the state department to take the case up with the Mexican office for investigation of establishment of the assassin.

Advice concerning the shooting from Consul Havent at Aguascalientes said the cause of the shooting is unknown, but the shots were believed intended for a person other than the vice consul.

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DEFENSE CONFERS

DAYTON, Tenn. (AP)—With scientific testimony excluded from the Scopes evolution case, members of the defense counsel spent today with a group of experts in many investigations, preparatory to testimony to be placed in the record of the case. These documents, on which a corps of stenographers will work all today and part of tomorrow, are for the information of courts to which an appeal will be taken should John T. Scopes be convicted of teaching evolution. There is no court session today.

OFFENSIVE DIMMED

FEZ, French Morocco (AP)—Abdel Krim's Riffian offensive against the French is diminishing in the ouezan region, today's official French communique declares. Enemy attacks are decreasing because of heavy Riffian losses in recent attempts to capture positions leading to Fez, the officials believe. For three days French communique have reported consistent repulses of Riffian attacks on points which, if captured, might permit the capture of Fez.

SIX MAROONED BY FIRE

NELSON, B. C. (AP)—Six persons are believed marooned on a tiny island in Summit Lake today by a forest fire which wiped out the Hunter Siding sawmill late yesterday and drove fighters to scold Skeena Lake and forced the Canadian Pacific train to back up to Naksapp.

SALEM, Ore.—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, underwent an operation at a local hospital. Physicians said the operation was successful and Mr. Churchill was making rapid recovery. The nature of the operation was not announced.

Sargent's Brother Made Good; Followed Advice

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—"Though advice may be cheap," said Herbert Quick, author of "The Great American Novel," in a chat I had with him a few days before his recent death. "Get it a million-dollar idea to see it turn out right after giving somebody some of it."

FOUR HEAT DEATHS IN CALIFORNIA

Hot Wave in Southern State Yesterday Results in Loss of Life

TWO KILLED IN WASHINGTON FIRES

Timber Holdings Near Eugene and Cottage Grove Threatened; 75 Men at Work.

HEAT, FIRE TOLL

Two Spokane fire fighters dead. Four heat deaths in California. Fresh storm oil fires cause \$450,000 damage. Timber holdings near Eugene threatened by fire.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—A heat wave swept through inland California yesterday, causing four deaths. Two persons were burned to death in forest fires in Washington and two injured.

John Gleason and Ole Johnson of Spokane lost their lives fighting fire in Lamb Creek valley, near Newport, Wash.

P. Ortega collapsed near Stockton and later died. E. L. Hall of Los Angeles, suffered a sunstroke near Chico and died.

A three-months-old baby died of heat prostration at Tuff and a 10-year-old girl died of the heat at Riverdale.

Temperature High. Temperatures of more than 100 degrees above were registered both in the southern and northern part of California.

A freak electrical storm struck near Bakerfield and ignited the oil.

Damage is estimated at \$450,000.

FIRE THREATENS TIMBER

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The timber holdings near Eugene are threatened by fire.

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WEST RANGES IN FAIR SHAPE

PORTLAND, Ore.—Ranges are generally in very good to excellent condition in the coast, intermountain, and northern Rocky mountain sections of the range country, with few conditions much better than a year ago, while dry conditions continue in the southwest, according to the monthly livestock and range report issued by the United States division of crop and livestock estimates.

Ranges improved materially during June in Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Utah, giving abundant feed for all stock. A year ago, the feed situation in these states was very poor. Range conditions are above the average in Montana, Wyoming, the western Dakotas and western Nebraska, with prospects of a good hay and feed crop. Lack of moisture resulted in a deterioration of range feed in western Kansas, Oklahoma.

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