

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED

O. W. R. R. & N. Shops Prove Big Feature in Community Growth

BIG LOCOMOTIVES OVERHAULED HERE

La Grande Serves as the Home Terminal for All Crews from Huntington to Rieth

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

It is a matter of common knowledge that the O. W. R. R. and N. company division point at La Grande has been one of the main factors in the city's growth...

Boltons in Charge.—W. Boltons, division superintendent, with H. B. Colburn and Charles P. Roberts, assistant superintendents, have direct charge of the company operations on the entire second division.

In turn the operations are divided into three main departments, the operating, the maintenance of way and the mechanical department.

As its name implies the operating department...

JOE WOODS TO JUDGE HORSES

The La Grande band plays regularly at the Pendleton Round-Up and once appeared as leading band of the Oregon State Fair.

And Joe Woods, pioneer stage driver, is adding his bit. He has accepted two invitations, one from the secretary of the state fair board, and the other from the Pendleton committee.

Mr. Woods a driver of exceptional ability and with many decades of experience behind him, had the honor in July, 1923 of driving President and Mrs. Harding in his stage coach from McMahan depot to the Oregon Trail celebration grounds.

Vacation Apparel Now Uppermost In Thoughts

(By Mildred Mulholland) July and August are vacation months and the problem which confronts the young lady vacationist first, is what shall she take with her in the way of wearing apparel.

Hiram Peach Trims Lawns Two Decades

Service of Caretaker at High School Exceptional; Dandelions Greatest Problem.

Twenty years on the job; just five years short of a quarter of a century, is the record of Hiram Peach, familiarly known as "High" Peach who takes care of the fine lawns at the Central school and high school buildings.

Mr. Peach was himself a graduate of the La Grande schools back in the days when the students attended what has since been called the Old White school house.

He has seen 20 freshman classes enter the high school and as many leave at the end of the four year course. An ardent follower of sports and other high school activities, Mr. Peach has been a familiar figure at most of the athletic contests. He has missed few football games during his tenure of office.

But meantime the lawns at the school houses have been the rendezvous of countless June-nighters and others seeking shade and solace beneath the friendly trees.

Dandelions Worst Problem.

According to Mr. Peach his greatest problem has been to keep out the dandelions. At one time several years ago the lawn was almost free from the weed when a neglected property adjoining the school house spread millions of seeds and in the last few summers it has been a losing fight.

Mr. Peach hopes some day to have the parking property in front of the school houses plowed up and seeded with blue grass and clover. At the present time the plots of ground lying between the sidewalks and the pavement grow nothing but weeds and there is no object in keeping them down as long as nothing has been planted.

De Borde's Record.

Thomas W. De Borde at the court house but a block away is another who has taken care of a public lawn for many years. Mr. De Borde has been on the job summer and winter for 12 years.

When he first took up the work he was in ill health but has built up until he is at the present time in excellent physical condition. Incidentally Mr. De Borde has recently become a commuter. He owns several acres of land near Union and arrives to and from his work each morning in a car.

Mrs. A. L. Richardson To Coach Repertoire

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson left for Portland today by auto, where Mrs. Richardson will spend a month as a coach in repertoire with Captain Griffith, of New York City, who is in Portland this month. Mr. Griffith is a vocal teacher of note and became Mrs. Richardson's always seeking the best in vocal art she will spend the month there.

Mrs. Richardson has had extensive vocal training with excellent teachers such as Oscar Reinger, of New York City, who has prepared more artists for the Metropolitan opera than any other vocal teacher. She studied with Arthur Alexander, of Los Angeles, Calif., former assistant teacher of Jean de Reszke, of Paris, and two years with Rose Courson-Hend, of Portland, without peer on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Harley Richardson will accompany Dr. and Mrs. Richardson to Portland and visit her mother there for a few days. She will return to her home here Wednesday when the doctor will also return to La Grande.

Motor Riders' Picnic Will Be Held Sunday

Plans are now complete for the annual motor cycle picnic and Baker-La Grande race which will be held tomorrow. The cyclists will meet at Lockwood's cypressery at eight o'clock and will be joined at North Poudre by Baker Riders.

Inspector Passes on Local Barber Shops

George J. Griffith, secretary of the state board of barber examiners was in La Grande on an Eastern Oregon tour of inspection and to confer with the different deputies concerning the new law passed by the last legislature. He informed H. Warmholz, local deputy, that the barber shops in La Grande are in excellent sanitary condition, which speaks well for the barbers of this city. Mr. Warmholz says.

FLOWERS TO BE JUDGED NEXT MONTH

Neighborhood Club Dates Annual Flower Show for Sept. 2

COMMITTEE NAMED; PRIZE LIST MADE

Blossoms May Be Entered from the Entire County; Location to Be Decided Later.

Arrangements are now being made for the annual flower show which will be held here Wednesday, September 2, under the auspices of the La Grande Neighborhood club.

The entire county is invited to enter flowers, according to the committee in charge, which follows:

Mrs. Hugh R. Brady, chairman, Mrs. James P. A. Epilog, A. T. Hill, H. K. Dixon, Lynn Bohlenkamp, H. C. Colburn, E. La Holmes, C. E. Happersett, J. D. Lynch, C. H. Seitz, C. H. Seranton and C. R. Elshard.

The location for the show remains to be selected but this will be announced later.

Prize List Made Up. Ribbons will be awarded in the following special classes: Astern, dahlias, zinnias, roses, gladiolus, marigolds (French and Scotch), sweet peas, for both single specimens and collections.

Three prizes will also be given for the best mixed bouquets. Any flower blooming at the time of the show may be entered and prizes will be awarded in each class. A board of judges will be chosen and the members are to be representative of the entire county.

Special Prize. A special prize will be given for the best specimen and collection of lady Hillingdon rose, the Neighborhood club flower.

Cars will call for flowers to be entered in the city if the committee is notified, but all displays must be arranged and labeled as to classification of the entry by the maker of the entry.

A musical program will be held in the evening. The displays will be open to the public in the afternoon and evening free of charge.

POISON TAKEN BY CINDERELLA

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Mary Louise Browning, newly adopted daughter of Edward W. Browning, wealthy real estate operator, admitted she drank poison this morning because of "nausea things which had been said about Browning adopting her."

A doctor was called but when he arrived the girl had already vomited the poison.

"Why did you do it?" Mary Louise was asked. "I did it because I was hysterical and I did not know and because of the noise things Mrs. Walter has been saying about Mr. Browning," she said.

The girl and Browning left late today on a week-end automobile trip.

The attempt at suicide, which occurred in the bathroom of the Browning home, in Ken Gardens, was averted by Browning, who seized a two-ounce bottle of iodine from the girl's hand after a small quantity had passed her mouth. Browning was summoned by District Attorney Newcombe this afternoon for a further conference. Newcombe had evidence which set the girl's age at 21 years.

Keeping Ever At It

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Five Burned To Death In East Today

Mother and Four Children Perish in Flames; Father and One Son Escape Unharmed.

CENTRAL VALLEY, N. Y. (By Associated Press)—Five members of a family of seven persons were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed their home on a farm a mile from here.

Harry Hall, farmer and head of the family, and his son, Russell, 20, escaped.

The dead are: MRS. CLARA HALL, 39. HAROLD HALL, 17. GLADYS HALL, 19. VIOLET HALL, 2. EVELYN HALL, 6 months.

The fire broke out from an undetermined cause at 6 o'clock this morning.

Harry Hall jumped to the ground from the first floor but was unable to reenter the house. The flame spread rapidly.

AIRSHIP'S USE IS REQUESTED

SWAMPSCOTT. (By the Associated Press)—A request for the use of the Los Angeles navy airship, in commercial aviation, was presented to the president today by John Hays Hammond Jr.

Speaking for a company interested in the scheme, Hammond placed before the president a tentative program for extensive development of commercial aviation. The program calls for the use of the Los Angeles between New York and Chicago and perhaps farther west with the ship manned by a regular crew.

The government has given its approval to the general policy of aiding in the development of commercial aviation.

QUAKES SHAKE FOUR CITIES

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—A slight earthquake was felt here shortly before 2 o'clock this morning. Earthquakes were also reported at San Jacinto, Hemet and San Bernardino, after 2 o'clock.

No damage was done, according to reports.

Hammond Lumber Officials Tour Mill City

MILL CITY, Ore.—W. R. MacMillan of the Hammond Lumber Company, Inc., of Chicago, G. B. McLeod, vice-president, and Walter Vaughan, sales manager, of Portland were in the city several days ago making a tour of the Hammond plants. This was Mr. MacMillan's first visit here.

Head River Paving Complete. HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Crews of Hazzard & Allen, Stevenson, Wash. contractors have finished laying a concrete pavement that connects the paved surface of Cascade avenue at the west end of town with the "Alumina" highway. A section of the new pavement will be opened to traffic on August 22. The other will be ready for use by September 1.

Schwartz, Inventor, No Match For the Police

(By Harold Matson) MARTINEZ, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—Charles Henry Schwartz was a match for the police. He made silk without the aid of silkworms; he made chemicals that baffled chemists; he made life where there, according to be no life.

But he has failed in his most spectacular experiment—to make death where there is no death.

Now Schwartz is being sought by the country over as a live fugitive and a murderer, instead of being buried with honor as a dead martyr, sacrificed to his own inventions.

There was a blast in the inventor's laboratory at Walnut Creek near here. Firemen recovered a body. The countrywide who knew him as a neighbor, prepared to mourn the inventor; the scientific world wondered what would happen to his secret formulas.

But as Schwartz admitted the silkworm, as he has baffled chemists, as he has baffled even himself, he failed to make death which convinced a dentist, and a crime that.

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BUSINESS IMPROVES IN COUNTY

Summary of Eastern Oregon Conditions Show City Near Front

CROPS BIG AID TO UNION, WALLOWA

Baker Business Slow with Mineral Discoveries Promising; Umatilla in Fair Shape.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS. La Grande—Material improvement seen. Baker—Rather slow. Wallowa—Outlook better than in 1924.

Improvement seen. The Dalles—Nothing to complain about. Walla Walla—Renewed activity seen.

Business conditions at the present in Eastern Oregon show a marked improvement over last year, according to a summary prepared by the Business Digest, issued by the United States National Bank of Portland.

Union and Wallowa county both report sizeable betterment of general condition with a better than average crop to be harvested in both localities.

In Baker county things are not so bright although the miners discoveries of recent date promise much.

In Southwestern Oregon an improvement is seen and around The Dalles an upward tendency is mapped out.

Southwestern Washington reports some improvement with an abundant harvest in the near future.

No report was received from Umatilla county but the annual wheat harvest promises quite a lot.

The following reports are quoted from The Digest:

La Grande.—"We expect to harvest better than an average crop in Union County this harvest. Business conditions are improved very materially. The railroad company's operations are about back to normal and the lumber industry is working on full time, but the market is not satisfactory."

T. J. Scroggin, cashier, United States National Bank.

Wallowa.—"The business outlook in Wallowa County is better than it was one year ago at this time due to the fact that crop prospects are greatly better. Wallowa County has prospered for a very abundant crop this year. We should have a large surplus of grain unless all signs fail. The grass on the ranges is in excellent condition due to the fact of abundant rains. In fact the stockmen declare that the range has not been so good in years. We should have a lot of prime beefs to turn off this fall. The price of wool is encouraging. Our sheepmen are now making money. The cattlemen are not doing so well. The large debts contracted during the war on exaggerated values are hard to liquidate. As a matter of fact many cattlemen in this section have gone out of business during the war."

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SOUGHT FOR MURDER



Charles H. Schwartz (upper left), Martinez, Cal., chemist, sought by police for murder. Schwartz's wife (right), who will fight the murder charge. Walter Gonzales (lower), night watchman, whom Schwartz ordered away from the laboratory on the night of the fatal explosion.

ASTORIA, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Fighting to save homes from a forest fire which threatened to wipe out the settlement of Thompson's Sliding, women and children joined the men in all-night battle last night. They succeeded in turning the flames back and this morning the settlement was safe. The fire passed entirely around the hamlet and turned south.

Fire is threatening Nehalem valley farming county near Jewell today. All available men are being rushed to the scene to fight the flames which are driven by a hot, dry, northerly wind. They covered six miles last night. Yesterday fire burned a 360-foot trestle on the Noyes-Holland railroad.

The fires are most serious in this section this year.

WEATHER OPPRESSIVE

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A sultry atmosphere, scarcely stirred by a light breeze, made the weather oppressive here today. Above 90 is expected this afternoon.

Unless rain falls by tomorrow the longest dry spell, 57 days established in 1925, will be broken.

FIRE HITS GLACIER PARK

KALISPELL, Mont. (By the Associated Press)—A fire broke out in the woods near the capital to-day discovered two Portuguese families said to be residents of Taunton, Mass., held prisoner by a gang of confidence men. They were said to have been held 12 days during which time they and relatives in Massachusetts were alleged to have been robbed of more than \$2000. The families were found in a small house in the Latin section of the city. They said the gangsters took \$1300 from them and forced them to write letters to relatives for more money and a money order for \$700 sent them was seized by the confidence men.

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR DIES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—John Temple Graves, widely known southern writer, died at his home here early today.

What Will Win Next War? Opinions Are Divergent

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—What the next war will be nobody knows.

Military men say they do not know. But they disagree.

Different schools of experts predict a death of more officers at different kinds of fighting. Their predictions conflict too.

There's no way of adding them up, dividing by the total number of predictions and striking an average.

According to military tradition, the next war will be about the same old thing. Armies, with infantry as their backbone, will fight on land. Navies will continue as their backbone will fight at sea. Transmittal communications at sea. Aircraft will figure more than ever before but only as army and navy auxiliaries after all. Warfare's principles haven't changed a bit.

According to the aviation school the next war will be fought in the air. Aircraft will wipe out armies and navies in its time. The country with the strongest flying force will have the enemy at its mercy before he realizes a fight's started.

His surface defenses and defend—fight it out the best they can.

BATTLE TO SAVE TOWN SUCCESSFUL

Men, Women and Children Fight Forest Fires During Long Night

NEHALEM COUNTRY NOW THREATENED

Trestle Burned on Noyes-Holland Railroad; Fire Reported in Glacier National Park.

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HANDS OFF IS CHIEF'S PLAN

SWAMPSCOTT, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge holds the view that industry, including the coal business, should settle its own labor problems and in hope that that industry will find its own solution. Secretary Hoover made this announcement after discussing the anthracite situation with the president.

It was added that the administration has no intention of interfering in the wage dispute.

XTRA SHUNWAY IN RACE

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A. R. Shunway, president of the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers association, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator. The announcement was made today by A. H. Lea, intimate friend of Shunway.

FAMILIES ROBBED

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Police today discovered two Portuguese families said to be residents of Taunton, Mass., held prisoner by a gang of confidence men. They were said to have been held 12 days during which time they and relatives in Massachusetts were alleged to have been robbed of more than \$2000. The families were found in a small house in the Latin section of the city. They said the gangsters took \$1300 from them and forced them to write letters to relatives for more money and a money order for \$700 sent them was seized by the confidence men.

KLANSMEN IN CAPITOL CITY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The national capital thronged with Ku Klux Klansmen today and Pennsylvania avenue is roped off for a parade of the hooded and hooded ranks in which Klan leaders expect 50,000 would march from the capital to the White House. The parade will wear no masks.

After the parade the marchers were to gather in the Sylvan theatre to hear addresses of Klan leaders.

Klan officials have been unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain the services of a negro band to swell the chorus of their own bands in the parade.

To Burn Flery Cross. The visitor will live up the program tomorrow night with the burning of a flery cross.

An eighty-foot tree with a cross piece thirty feet long soaked in oil will provide the spectacle.

BLAST VICTIM IS IDENTIFIED

MARTINEZ, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—Officers revealed today that identification of the body found in the Pacific Cellulose company laboratory as that of G. W. Barde, wandering laborer and misanthrope, was made through similarity of handwriting in religious books found near the body and letters which Barde had written to Carl Barker, Phoenician undertaker.

MARTINEZ, Calif. (By the Associated Press)—Identification of the body found in the Pacific Cellulose company laboratory under conditions that prompted the belief that Charles Henry Schwartz, chemist, had met death in an explosion, as G. W. Barde was made by a former employee of Barde late Friday.

Carl Barker, an undertaker of Phoenician, Cal., the man believed by authorities to have established definitely the identity of the body, showed the police a picture of Barde and described a roll of bedding and a coat which had been used to tie the body. Some of the bedding was found under the body after the fire and the coat was in the room. A description was furnished here and to Charles Barker, the superintendent of the harvest oil state identification, and was said to tally with those articles which were found in the partly wrecked laboratory in which Schwartz, the inventor of a new formula for manufacturing silk, was supposed to have met his fate.

Letters Told. Barker also displayed a letter written by Barde from Los Gatos, Cal., July 28, last. The hand writing is declared to tally precisely with that of a letter found in a religious book in the laboratory.

Deputy Sheriff Ralph Harrison of Contra Costa county viewed the full length photograph presented by Barker and ascertained he is certain it is a picture of the dead man.

Barde at one time owned a ranch in Eldorado county. He sold it to...

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