

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

Neighborhood Club Union county flower show—September 2.

La Grande Public Schools open—September 14.

Open Court Monday

Judge J. W. Knowles will open court at Enterprise Monday.

To Visit in Portland

Miss Mildred Weeks has gone to Portland to visit friends. She expects to be gone a week.

Visiting at Enterprise

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ingerson went to Enterprise this morning, where they will visit relatives over the week end.

Visiting Mother Today

Mrs. T. O. Harwood went to Enterprise this morning to spend the day visiting her mother, who lives there.

Back From Camping

Mrs. Ray Puffer and mother, Mrs. James Moss, have returned to their home after several days outing near Menahan.

Here on Business

T. T. Rhett, merchant of Walla Walla, was a business visitor to La Grande yesterday. He returned to his home last evening.

Left For Lake

Miss Eva Carline left this morning for Enterprise, where she will join friends and go to Walla Walla Lake for the week end.

Returned to Portland

After visiting for some time in La Grande at the home of Mrs. Don Turner, Mrs. John Gardner left last night for her home in Portland.

Returned From Portland

Miss Margaret Newlin returned to her home in La Grande this morning from Portland, where she attended buyers week.

At Baker Today

Mrs. R. L. Lowe and son, Bobby, are visiting relatives at Baker today. They will return to their home here this evening.

Called to Nyssa

Mrs. S. E. Harris, of Elgin, was in La Grande this morning on her way to Nyssa, called there by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Sarah McConell.

To Visit Mother

Mrs. Jack Hlatt, accompanied by her son, David, and daughter, Barbara, went to Baker this morning to visit over the week end with Mrs. Hlatt's mother.

Returned Home

Miss Bessie Wright returned to her home at Baker this morning on train No. 24 after several days spent in La Grande visiting Mrs. Dean.

To Visit Aunt

Miss Myrtle Bennett went to Baker this morning on train No. 21. She will visit her aunt there until the beginning of school in September.

Visiting Mother

Mrs. W. H. Bohenkamp, Jr., and children have gone to Tillamook, where they will visit Mrs. Bohenkamp's mother for five or six weeks.

To Lecture

G. H. Pollock arrived in La Grande this morning on his way up the branch line. Mr. Pollock will give a series of lectures at various points in Walla Walla and Union counties.

To Visit Relative

Mrs. J. J. Verne, accompanied by her brother Roy Still, were in

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mae Hickey. She will join friends in Portland and motor to Grants Pass, Oregon, where she will visit Mrs. George Good for some time before returning to her home here.

Personal Mention

Mrs. R. F. Hill, of Tolucaset, was shopping in La Grande this morning on train No. 24.

S. A. Ingerson, who is employed at Kamela, came to La Grande this morning and will visit over the week end with his wife here.

Engene Moon went to Walla Walla today to spend the week end.

Robert S. Eakin returned to La Grande this morning after a short business trip to Portland on legal business.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT DESCRIBED

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Department has to do with the transportation of freight and passengers, the main function of any railway, but the other two divisions are just as important in that they insure and make possible expedition and regular operation of the trains. The maintenance of any department keeps the tracks in good shape, lays new lines when needed and so on, while the mechanical department is in reality a maintenance department for the rolling stock.

Mechanical Department.

The mechanical department with its special shops and large force of men is one which first impresses the casual observer and to the eye at least, distinguishes an important division point from an ordinary shop over station so it will be dealt with first in these articles. The operating and track maintenance departments will be gone into in more detail in subsequent stories in the series.

Ed Thomas, whose term of employment with the O-W. R. R. and S. company has extended over a period of some 20 years, in general foreman of the shop work.

The mechanical department is subdivided into five lesser departments, the back shop, the round house, the boiler shop, the car shop and the blacksmith shop.

Alva Burysa is foreman of the back shop, W. H. Perry of the round house, H. A. Thurston of the boiler shop, C. C. Lilly of the car shop and H. M. Allen is foreman of the blacksmith shop.

Overhauls locomotives. In the back shop the most extensive repairs to the engines are made. At the completion of from 50,000 to 70,000 miles of travel on the road the engines are run into the back shop and thoroughly overhauled.

The massive equipment in this shop was all designed especially for engine repair work. It includes all necessary machinery to do a thorough job of overhauling to any of the engines on the road. Under normal conditions it takes about 40 working days to turn an engine out from this shop all ready for another 50,000 miles or more.

In this shop an entire locomotive weighing tons can be lifted with ease, wheels taken off and the machine dismantled in a surprisingly short time. The heaviest lifting is done by a huge electric crane capable of raising 250,000 pounds—125 tons as easily as a man would lift a child. Other lighter work such as the raising of wheels is done by air lifts.

All sorts of work is done in the back shop but in general the repairs are on parts subjected to the most wear in operation; bearings, pistons or rods, wheels and so forth.

Special machines operated by skilled machinists and mechanics do each job to the nth degree of accuracy. On one huge lathe a pair of drive wheels are turned down to an absolute round, on another the bearings are fitted and so on down the list of repairs.

The way in which parts weighing tons are handled is astonishing to one used to the puny repairs of the automobile shop or the ordinary machine shop.

Re-plating Boilers. Boilermaking and repairing is another highly specialized unit in the mechanical department. The huge boilers must be re-plated periodically. This is also done with specialized equipment and trained men. Hundreds of rivets go into each boiler and these must be put in so that in many instances the riveted job will stand a pressure of 250 pounds to the square inch.

Arrived Yesterday — Mrs. Edith Claxton and daughter, Alice, arrived yesterday to spend a few days with her brother and family. Envoys and Mrs. Barker of the Salvation Army, Mrs. Claxton is one of the oldest telephone operators in the Salem telephone office, having worked there fourteen years.

Here From Los Angeles — Mrs. Olive Lee, of Los Angeles, California is visiting in La Grande at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kochensparger. Mrs. Lee was born at Cove and lived here for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Kochensparger and Mrs. Lee will go to Walla Walla tomorrow and spend the day.

Visiting Brother Here — Miss Hattie Meggers, of Salem, is visiting here with her brother, the Rev. L. D. Meggers, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. She expects to leave the first of the week. Miss Meggers has given much of her time to evangelistic singing and will appear at the Nazarene church here Sunday.

Motorist to the Dalles — Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Denny and family of this city, are visiting Mr. Denny's brother, Homer Denny, at The Dalles. They made the trip by auto. They were joined here by Charley Denny, of Payette, Idaho, who accompanied them that far on his way to California.

Visiting in Portland — Miss Pauline Lederle left this week for Portland, where she will visit for several weeks at

Factory to You Money Saving Sale

Glass Drugs Inc. The Rexall Store La Grande, Oregon

Markets

PORTLAND MARKETS. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Live-stock steady today. Eggs—Hens one cent lower; extras 22 1/2 c.

PORTLAND GRAIN. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Wheat—Hard white D. S. Hart, August 11.55, September 11.57; soft white, August 11.55, September 11.54; western white, August 11.55, September 11.57; hard winter, August 11.57, September 11.67; northern spring, August 11.55, September 11.54; western red, August 11.52, September 11.51; B. R. R. hard white, August 11.60; September 11.68.

DUN'S REVIEW. NEW YORK (AP) — Dun's today says: "It is the more common report now that business is gaining, something being added each week to the progress recently made."

MARKETS AT A GLANCE. NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks—Strong; Van Sweringen rails show large gains.

Chicago (AP) — Wheat—Strong; light ease situation. Corn—Steady; in sympathy with wheat.

Cattle and hogs—Lower; all interests buying.

Many other repairs are made in the boiler shop which are too technical to be grasped by the lay mind. The engines are housed in the round house after each run and in this department ordinary running repairs are made to them of a less extensive nature than in the back shop.

At the completion of each run the engineer is required to give his engine an inspection and make a report. Later a regular inspector goes over the engine thoroughly and just like a doctor diagnoses any ailments and prescribes a remedy.

The back shop, the round house and the boiler shop already described have to do with the repairs to the locomotives while the car shop and the blacksmith shop serve the same function in maintaining the railway cars.

Here repairs of all sorts keep the cars in the best possible running order and help to maintain the high standard of service and dependability that has ever been the aim of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company.

The story next week will be "The Operating Department."

BLAST VICTIM IS IDENTIFIED

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cently to a Placerville resident and left the city. Accompanied by Barker, Deputy Sheriff Harrison is en route back to Martins to meet other investigating officers here. They will go to San Francisco to view the body.

Upon their ability to establish that the dead man is not Schwartz rests the theory of the local authorities that instead of an accidental death in an explosion which interrupted research work, the killing was part of a murder plot to collect insurance in excess of \$100,000 carried by Schwartz. Some of the policies were made out in favor of the Pacific Cellulose company in which Mr. Schwartz owned a stock interest approximating 40 per cent and others named Mrs. Schwartz as the beneficiary.

BUSINESS IMPROVES IN COUNTY

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The past few years and it is hard to find anyone satisfied with conditions. One of our largest cattle raisers in this section is figuring on gradually going into the sheep business. Dairying has been quite satisfactory of late. The business is gradually getting on a new proving profitable. This line of the livestock business has always been quite extensive in Walla Walla County. On the whole conditions are encouraging and we are looking forward to better days." — C. T. McDaniel, Cashier, Stockgrowers & Farmers National Bank.

Baker. "Business has been rather slow in this section so far this spring and summer. The lumber business has not been very active and our lumbermen report that prices are not very satisfactory. Sheepmen have been getting satisfactory prices for their lambs, but a considerable amount of the wool clip remains unsold. The price of cattle on the market, while better than it was, has not advanced to the point where the cattlemen can make a profit. We have had a splendid season for farmers so far as weather conditions are concerned and there is every indication of a bumper crop of grain. However, the winter damage to the alfalfa was a serious loss to the farmers in this section. Prosperity with us largely depends upon the prices received for grain and cattle this fall. There has been considerable mining development going on in the copper belt section of the county, and if these copper deposits bear out the preliminary showing made so far, their further development should place Oregon in the front rank of mineral producing states. While the mining industry, generally, is not very active here at this time, there is always more or less production from various sources and a good deal of wealth comes from the mining section every year." — J. H. Wheeler, Cashier, Baker Loan & Trust company.

Burns. "Range conditions good. Cattle and sheep summering well. Hay crop larger than any of the previous three years. Wheat, barley and rye are going to yield well. Prices on cattle and sheep are strengthening, especially on steers. Considerable construction on railroad from Burns to Seneca." — Leon M. Brown, Cashier, Harney County National Bank.

The Dalles. "It is perhaps ten days too early for absolute definite reports on the yields of grain in Sherman and Wasco counties. However, so far we are well along with our hay and the observation of the farmers who have been operating for a number of years is that we will have better than the average spring crop. There has been an abundance of reports that the crop will make an average crop for the past ten-year period. In many instances yields will exceed the average yields of fall seven grains, following the freeze of November and with the additional cost for reseeding the yields above referred to, will not be sufficient to liquidate the average amount of indebtedness unless the price should prevail at its present level throughout the season; in other words if we receive \$1.20 to \$1.50 a bushel for this year's crop we will be able to absorb our additional expenses and the farmers will be able to liquidate the average amount of their indebtedness. The sheepmen have had a very good year. Quite a large amount of wool was contracted at from the 4th and some lambs were sold at 10c. There has been a healthy amount of sales on aged ewes and lambs and the market for sheep generally is satisfactory, however,

last winter was a very expensive winter and there has not been as large profits made from the raising of sheep this year as there has been in past years with prices ranging higher to those prevailing throughout this year. The fruit crop in this section will not liquidate at the average for the past five years owing to the shortage in production in cherries, apricots and peaches. The prices, however, have been above the average and many of our growers are having satisfactory returns. The vegetable growers generally are well satisfied. Bank deposits in Wasco county show a slight increase over last year and the loans at June 30th for the entire county were less than \$100,000 greater than the corresponding period a year ago. There was no state aid loan for reseeding in this county, the local banks having taken care of this item within themselves. Summing up the entire situation there is nothing to complain about and I believe that business generally will show some increase after the harvest." — J. Barnum, Vice President, First National Bank, Walla Walla.

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