

OFFICERS SEEKING CONVICTS

PUMPER PURCHASED FOR CITY

Stutz Combination Engine to Be Added to Fire Department

MACHINE'S COST TOTALS \$13,500.00

Vote on Choice Not Unanimous, One Commissioner Favoring American-La France Truck.

For the first time in weeks, the three city commissioners, A. T. Hill, Charles Payne and R. P. Landis failed to agree unanimously. For the most part when a motion comes at the commission meetings, all three gentlemen are in favor of it if the motion is downed, all three are solidly against.

But this was no mere routine business at hand. The matter for vote was the selection of the new combination engine for the city fire department. When the final ballot was cast it was found that two were in favor of the Stutz engine while one held out for the American-La France was the better machine.

So the fire department is to have a new Stutz combination pumper soon. Both machines

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HAIL STRIKES IN LAGRANDE

After 16 rainless days, La Grande and adjacent territory, received a heavy rain, this morning which was preceded by short but severe hail storms. The size of marbles fell on the streets here.

The first storm, beginning at 11:20, was of short duration but was followed by another about ten minutes later, which was one of the heaviest rains to strike here this summer. Storm sewers in the downtown district were unable to adequately handle the flood waters.

May Shatter Grain.

Years are felt here today for ripe grain that has not been cut. A check on possible damage can not be made until later but the combination of rain and hail is held likely to shatter much of the standing wheat. The rain was not heavy enough to stop combines about ten miles northeast of here.

It is believed that the hail was not severe enough to damage fruit. A third train started shortly before 1 o'clock and continued for some time this afternoon, surpassing slightly the heavy rains of the morning. The down fall was also accompanied by hail.

At 1:30 this afternoon basements in several downtown buildings were flooded. The summer hotel reported nine inches of water in the basement. The rain slackened about 1:50 p. m.

Commission Can't Make Game Season Changes

U. P. A. A. BUILDS TENNIS COURT ON LOCAL GROUNDS

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COLORADO SPRINGS WINS

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (By Associated Press).—Colorado Springs, Colo., was chosen yesterday as the city to entertain the International Typographical union convention in 1926, now in its 70th annual convention here.

Joe Wallmer Arrested By Wounded Cop

Policeman Worden of Belief that Wallmer Is Man Who Shot Him in Hand Tuesday Night.

This afternoon Joe and Henry Wallmer, arrested in connection with the wounding of Joe Worden, policeman, were freed. District Attorney Carl Helms said that the evidence was not sufficient to hold them, according to the police.

Joe Wallmer, alleged to be the man who shot Joe Worden through the hand and escaped Tuesday night while Worden was attempting to arrest him on a liquor charge, was arrested about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Worden.

Joe Wallmer is a brother to Harry Wallmer, arrested yesterday on complicity charges. The car in which the man who resisted arrest was riding belonged to Henry. Joe is being held in the county jail today awaiting action which will be taken by the state.

Charges, which call for penitentiary sentences upon conviction, may be placed against him.

Montgomery Sentenced To Thirty Days in Jail

In addition to the \$250 fine for the possession of liquor as given in yesterday's issue of the Evening Observer, William (Spratt) Montgomery was given a 30 day jail sentence by Judge Brady. At present he is serving this sentence.

American Yeomen Will Meet in Salem Session

More than 40 representatives of the field department of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen of the state will gather in Salem Friday and Saturday, according to announcements today by C. B. McCarthy, district manager, who will attend officially from La Grande.

One of the special features of the meeting will be to unite the entire field force of the state and state officials of the society in a state-wide membership campaign the outcome of which will be a visit of the entire Oregon force in the home-coming convolve next spring in Elgin, Illinois, where the Yeomen's five-million dollar children's school home has recently been established. Mr. McCarthy said, adding that plans are already being worked out for the Oregon delegation to make the trip in an automobile.

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Cave Girl



THE FLEW INTO HIS ARMS AND BEGGED HIM TO GO THRU WITH THE MARRIAGE.

She made him marry her! At least, so says Robert McMillis, 20, a sophomore at Ohio university, who seeks annulment of his marriage to Lucy Wagner McMillis, of Lima, Ohio. He says he was "in a state of coma" from intoxication when she got him in an auto, drove to Monroe, Mich., and made him marry her before he got sober enough to protest.

GIVE PROGRAM FOR CONCERT

All those who heard the Sherrers give their organ and voice concert here a few weeks ago will remember the manner of presentation, as the organist outlined the composition for the benefit of the audience. J. H. Sherrer gives the composer and something of his life, the composition and what it portrays in music so that everybody will be enabled to appreciate the program more fully.

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SCOTT SUI TESTIMONY COMPLETED

Arguments in Sensational Divorce Case to Start This Afternoon

VOLSTEAD'S NAME HEARD IN COURT

Scott Denies That Author of Prohibition Law or His Daughter Ever Took a Drink.

ALPENA. (By the Associated Press).—Taking testimony in Congressman Frank D. Scott's divorce suit ended at noon today. Arguments were begun this afternoon. When the name of Andrew Volstead, author of the prohibition law and his daughter Loretta were brought into the record Scott testified that neither had ever taken a drink of liquor so far as he knew.

Miss Volstead's name was found on the menu card of the Westbank Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica.

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TITLE MEN AT ENTERPRISE

A group of men, members of the State Title Association, from western Oregon points, passed through La Grande this morning on their way to Enterprise to attend the annual convention of the association to be held there Thursday Friday and Saturday.

The purpose of this organization is to maintain better land titles and to bring about legislation simplifying abstracts and to extend the title system insurance.

Among those here this morning en route to the convention were: Chester A. Fuller, executive vice president of the Oregon Title Insurance company, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shim, of St. Helens, Oregon, proprietor of the Columbia county Abstractors office, W. O. Daly, of Portland, G. C. Pauling, of Astoria, G. E. Peck, of Portland, A. C. Reaymond, of Portland, and H. C. Reaymond, of Bend, J. B. Bell, of Eugene, Mr.

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BAND CONCERT NEXT MONDAY

The La Grande municipal band will again appear in outdoor concert Monday evening, August 17, at 8 o'clock at the ball park, according to announcements today by Director Andy Loney, Jr.

Mr. Loney promises a program that will be in keeping with those for which the band is famous. The program will be printed in the Evening Observer at a later date.

When an advertiser buys a Want Ad in the Observer, or any other kind of advertising, he runs no chances as to the circulation he is buying. The Observer publishes a sworn circulation statement twice each year—figures that are not variable to suit guess, promise, or emergency. That circulation is constant, every-day circulation maintained by reader interest. It's not up today and down tomorrow. The value of Observer Want Ads is more than ever apparent for that reason—the greatest number of any kind that can be bought in this territory. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Only One



In order to save the life of Edith Leavens, 14, of Cambridge, Mass., surgeons were forced to cut open her heart. Edith, now in the road to complete recovery, is believed to be the only person in the world whose heart has been opened and who lived after the operation.

OREGON TRUNK FIGHTING C. P.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The Oregon Trunk railroad today filed with the interstate commerce commission an objection to the Central Pacific's plan to build 40 miles of line from Kinmath Falls to Cornell, California.

The Oregon Trunk declared its own proposal to extend from Bend to Kinmath Falls and south into California to connect with existing lines would be affected by the Central Pacific's plan.

Executive Secretary Of Realtors in City

T. W. Zimmerman, executive secretary of the Northwest Realty association, met with the local realtors at an informal dinner in the Foley hotel at noon today to make the first plans for the 1926 convention of the association to be held in La Grande.

The main problem at this time is to make arrangements for sufficient hotel facilities, according to Mr. Zimmerman, who expects a large crowd to attend the convention here. This and other matters relative to the convention were discussed during the course of the luncheon.

RACE ENDS IN CAPTURE

BENDLETON, Ore.—A six-mile race that began at Saxe station, about five miles northeast of Bendleton, was concluded near Round-up park on the west side of Bendleton by the capture of John Morris Negro, by two deputy sheriffs. The race was held for several days in Spokane for alleged violation of the Mann act and as a suspect in a drug peddling case.

Wanted to be on the lookout for Morris, Deputy Stokes and Bennett waited at Saxe station. He disregarded the order of the officers to stop and they gave chase.

WHEAT CROP MAY BETTER 1924 YIELD

Federal Figures Foresee 16,852,000 Bushels Harvested

SPRING WHEAT IS SHOWING BIG GAIN

Potato Crop for Oregon to Surpass Last Year's; Hay Tonnage Increase Heavy.

PORTLAND, Ore.—In spite of some deterioration during July, due largely to very hot weather, Oregon's grain crops are still found to be larger than they were last year. The same is true of hay and potatoes, but tree fruits and grapes are either somewhat less than in 1924 or about the same in prospective yield. The prune crop will be but a small fraction of a full yield. The hop crop is expected to be about the same as in 1924.

The following statement shows the latest figures for 1925 compared with 1924, as reported by the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Oregon: Winter wheat 1925, 5, 732,000 bushels; 1924, 4,845,000 bushels; spring wheat, 1925, 10, 120,000 bushels; 1924, 2,415,000 bushels; all wheat, 1925, 14,852,000 bushels; 1924, 13,450,000 bushels. Average in winter wheat this year: 206,000; last year, 109,000; average in spring wheat this year: 575,000; last year, 220,000; total average this year \$81,000; last year, 1,092,000.

All hay: 1925, 2,289,000 tons; 1924, 1,929,000 tons. Potatoes: 1925, 4,920,000 bushels; 1924, 2,780,000 bushels. Apples: 1925, 6, 032,000; 1924, 5,500,000.

Following is selected comment by correspondents submitted by Frank Andrews, acting statistician for Oregon: Benton County, Summit: Pastures short on account of drought. Clackamas County, Molalla: Spring wheat slightly damaged by hot wave, but even so the crop will be about normal. The quality of winter wheat is above normal in this locality. The prospects are for the best crop in years.

Columbia County, Rainier: No rain has fallen here during the past six weeks, curtailing somewhat the yield of spring grain and damaging the potato crop considerably. The second crop of clover in most instances is so poor that it will be pastured. Corn is the only crop showing improvement during the month of July.

Yreka: The hay crop was good yield and quality. Apples and pears in the valley, 1-5 crop. Upland orchards full crop. Grain harvest commencing. Rain for roots and gardens necessary as they are drying up. Coos County, Doras: Cut worms not menacing this immediate vicinity, but are very bad lower down.

AGED MAN IS BURNED TODAY

SEATTLE, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—William Angles, aged 70 years, burned to death and properly valued at \$15,000, was destroyed when an incendiary fire swept the Day Lumber company plant five miles from Mount Vernon early today. Piles of small sticks and laths of soaked wood set in four different places at the same time.

The company's store, post office, and offices, all in the same building, were destroyed. The following house in which Angles was sleeping burned.

Dry Chief



Rev. Benjamin E. Ewing is now in charge of federal prohibition enforcement for the state of Illinois, following the removal of the former director, Percy Owen. He is an ordained pastor in the United Brethren church and his home is in Hillsboro, O.

XTRA WANTS DEBT REDUCED.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Belgian government asked that the total of the debt be reduced through computing of accrued interest at a rate lower than 4 1/2 per cent, to which the British debt interest was figured, but no agreement on that point has been reached. The only agreement so far disclosed is that for a brief moratorium. The commissions remain far apart on other questions involved, but both sides are hopeful of an agreement without a prolonged discussion.

TO NOMINATE SENATOR OSBORNE (AP)—The Republican state convention opened here today to nominate a candidate for the seat in the United States senate made vacant by the death of La Follette. Senator Leinart, in an address, urged that no man hostile to President Coolidge be selected.

VIOLINIST PASSES. NEW YORK (AP)—Theodore Spiering, violinist and composer, who was to have conducted an orchestra in Portland, Ore., this coming season, died Tuesday in Munich following an operation, it was announced here today.

PLANE'S ESCAPE NARROW WASHINGTON (AP)—One navy air plane with the Macmillan expedition narrowly escaped destruction last night when an iceberg drifted upon it.

Project to Be Inspected. SALEM, Ore.—Members of the Oregon delegation in congress, including Senators McNary and Standfield and Representatives Summitt, Howley and Cunningham, left for Bend where they will make an inspection of the Deschutes Irrigation project. They will be joined in Bend by Itha Laper, state engineer. The inspection is being made under directions received from the federal government.

By this time the Joneses are distinctly hard up. They have to cut in on entirely cheaper butter, less milk, no meat some of the down on food—perhaps eat some less lowered—except that they have a car. The result, the critical credit on any, is that business isn't as good as it ought to be—except the auto business. If they actually had in other lines, things were or less affect the Jones' financial straits. Nevertheless, according to credit men, always excepting the automobile credit men, isn't as good as it would be if an over-extension of credit hadn't induced Jones to buy a car he couldn't afford.

GUARDSMEN JOIN TODAY IN MANHUNT

Three Killed at Salem Last Evening in Sensational Jail Break

TWO GUARDS SHOT DEAD; ONE INJURED

Oregon Jones, Notorious Criminal, Claim; Tom Murray Wounded But Escapes.

WITH THE STATE POSSE NEAR SILVERTON (By the Associated Press)—Three men believed to be fugitive convicts were reported seen to vanish into some brush today. The posse investigated but failed to find the men.

SALEM (By the Associated Press)—Little Savage showed some improvement today. His recovery is expected.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The region near Pratum, where the convicts disappeared, bristled with guns today as Oregon indulged in an old time man hunt. More than 125 possemen are out with orders to "shoot to kill." A possible clue was disclosed today in the robbery of a gasoline station at Silverton where a lock was shot off. Warden Dalrymple reported today that he saw an convict in a large automobile near the prison shortly before the break. He believes the man intended aiding the prisoners.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—National guardsmen, police, sheriff's officers, penitentiary guards and volunteers are combing the country around Salem today for three convicts who escaped from prison last night in a break in which two guards and one escaping convict were killed. Twenty state troopers under the command of Major Riley reported at daybreak by the governor's orders. A detachment of police and deputy sheriffs from Portland are aiding in the hunt.

Oregon Jones Killed. J. M. Holman, 58, guard; John Roweney, 53, guard; and Bert "Oregon" Jones, escaping convict are dead and Lute Savage, another guard, was shot through the body just below the heart. Ellsworth Kelly, Jim Murray

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TURK LEADER QUILTS SPOUSE

CONSTANTINOPLE (By the Associated Press).—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, president of the Turkish republic, has divorced his wife, Latife Hanim.

No reasons were given officially but rumor has it that the wife's desire to mix in matters which were considered outside her sphere was the cause. She was known to be a believer in woman's rights.

Credit Men Criticizing Auto Concerns' Policy

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (By Associated Press)—The automobile trade came in for some rather severe criticism at the recent national convention of credit men here. Auto concerns are extending too much credit to the injury of the other business and of great number of those it's extended to, according to many of the convention delegates. The Jones family lives on the average American wage earner's (Bureau of Labor Statistics) figure of \$112 a year. Jones can't save much—certainly not enough to pay cash for an automobile. But he won't pay cash. He can buy on the installment plan. It looks easy. Jones is sold. Jones has made due allowance for his installments but not for fuel and oil and extras and repairs. All put together, these it-