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LA GRANDE PAYROLL IS \$4,000,000

About 2,500 Men Are Employed by O.-W., Mills and Other Industries

MT. EMILY CO. TO BOOST THE TOTAL

Mills and Railroads, Together with Agriculture, Give Community Stability and Growth.

Editor's Note—This is the twelfth of a series of stories being published in The Evening Observer pertaining to the commercial, industrial and agricultural resources and operations of La Grande, Union and Wallowa counties.

When a stranger asks what La Grande relies upon he is promptly told, "the railroad, the lumber mills and farming." Each of the three contributes greatly to the community's livelihood but few fully realize just how much the railroad and the mills really contribute.

Farming, which has not yet been gone into in this series of articles, is a powerful factor and families have for their living, but more will be said later.

Figures Given. La Grande is known throughout the state as a city of enormous payrolls, of which the O.-W., Bowman-Hicks company and the Grande Ronde Lumber company contribute a great deal.

The total payroll of the Bowman-Hicks Lumber company is roughly \$1,440,000 per year. Add to this the payroll of the O.-W. company which was \$1,555,000 in 1924, and the Grande Ronde Lumber company and one has a figure of approximately \$3,500,000 or a monthly payroll of about \$300,000.

Summer industries including the box factories, iron works, printing plants, cranberries, packing plants, and the like, swell the total until it is safe to say that La Grande has a total yearly payroll of better than \$4,000,000 or nearly \$400,000 a month.

Many Men Employed. Last year the railroad company here employed 350 men, the Grande Ronde Lumber company employed 250 men and the Bowman-Hicks company employed 1,900 men.

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Golfing Team Is Selected For Tourney

Local Men to Participate in Inter-City Two-Day Competition at Baker, Starting Tomorrow.

La Grande's team of 16 men will compete in the inter-city golf tournament to be played at Baker, Sunday and Monday. The tournament is scheduled to begin at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Teams from Pendleton, Walla Walla, La Grande, Baker, Nampa and two from Boise, Idaho, will be on the ground when the ball is teed up for the first flight tomorrow morning.

Although not making any predictions in regard to where they will place, the La Grande team will have a better chance of Baker than at many of the out-of-town tournaments for the reason that many of the local players are familiar with the Baker course.

The La Grande team will be composed of G. E. Larson, Chas. H. Reynolds, H. E. Watkins, Norman Frenn, Ray Murphy, Earl Stoddard, Chas. Bohnekamp, Charles Binger, W. C. Perkins, W. C. Reuter, Joe Carr, John Thomson, Fred Meyers, Earl Stoddard, A. J. Spore, E. J. Holmes and John Larson, substitute.

Sixteen men are listed, but only 15 will play at one time for Fred Meyers and Elmer Stoddard will play but one day each.

LOW FARES FOR ROUND-TRIP ARE ANNOUNCED

Special train service to Pendleton during the Round-trip, effective September 19, was announced by the O.-W. here today through J. H. Koenig.

The low fare of \$1.50 a round trip will be charged that day.

The \$1.50 fare is good only on the special train or regular train going and only on special train No. 26 leaving Pendleton September 19. No baggage allowance is made. The train leaves La Grande at 7:25 a. m. and leaves Pendleton returning at 11 p. m.

La Grande Pioneer Is Dead at The Dalles

Mary Jane Ferguson, aged 66 years three months and three days, a pioneer resident of La Grande, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. V. Denny, at The Dalles, September 3.

Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church Monday morning at 10 o'clock with burial in the Catholic cemetery. The remains are at the Bohnekamp chapel.

Mrs. Ferguson is survived by Mrs. H. V. Denny, The Dalles; Mrs. Fred H. Wood, Trout Lake, Wash.; Miss Susie Ferguson, Salem; Mrs. George J. Ferguson, Corvallis, Ore., and Lake Ferguson, The Dalles.

Wallowa Farmers Are Seeding Winter Wheat

WALLOWA, Ore., (Special)—A few farmers over the county have commenced fall seeding. The ground is in excellent condition for seeding since the heavy rain about a week ago.

Much of the summer fallow is quite weedy and considerable work is required to clear the ground in order that a first class job of drilling may be done. Much of the seeding will be late this season because many farmers are behind with their fall work.

Some state they will not be able to start seeding for two or three weeks yet, but feel that the grain will get well started anyhow with the abundance of moisture stored in the ground.

135 In Attendance At Club Picnic Yesterday

Although the skies were overcast and ominous a thick, very little rain fell to dampen the good time at the boys and girls club picnic at the Union Experiment station, yesterday.

The attendance was somewhere in the neighborhood of 135 people. Many of the boys and girls were accompanied by their fathers and mothers who were most welcome.

The welcoming address was delivered by Robert Withcombs, superintendent of the experiment station. J. E. Calavan of the state public instruction forces made a very interesting talk on club work in Oregon.

R. A. Myers, county school superintendent, and H. G. Avery, county agricultural agent, gave talks on the subjects of completing the club work for the year and the delegates to be sent to the state fair.

Roy C. Lyle



The new prohibition director for Washington, Oregon and Alaska is Roy C. Lyle, with headquarters at Seattle.

FOX FARM AT LAKE PLANNED

Four pairs of silver foxes are en route to Wallowa lake, where they will arrive the last of next week at which time buildings and fences will be constructed at the Wallowa Lake Silver Fox farm to take care of them.

The farm will be in a natural location for the animals, which are from the best strains of improved foxes, pedigreed animals and adapted to domestic culture.

BIRD SEASON TO OPEN SOON

Oil up the trusty shotgun, give spot an extra blast or two so that he will be in good running shape, get out the hiking boots—this program is being followed more or less rigidly by the sportsmen of the community in anticipation of the grouse and deer hunting season which will open on September 10th.

Deer seem to be unusually plentiful this year in Union and Wallowa counties. From all sections come reports of a large number of deer. The limit on deer is two with horns during the season. There are provisions for tagging, transportation and so on but the directions for these accompany each license.

While not plentiful, grouse seem to be more numerous than last year. It is doubtful that the grouse will ever again be seen in quantities because there is no really successful way of artificially propagating them. The hunter is allowed by law for four grouse on one day or eight in any one day.

The pheasant season will be from the 15th of October until the 31st. There are pheasants everywhere at this time but they seem to have a faculty of disappearing when the season opens only to reappear again in large numbers the day after the season closes. The bag limit on pheasants is the same as for grouse, four a day or eight birds in seven days.

Duck hunting is a class of shooting which appeals to a certain class of sportsmen.

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Funeral Services for Fred Fife Arranged

Funeral services for Fred Fife, who died here yesterday, the result of injuries sustained when a falling tree struck him on the back Thursday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Bohnekamp chapel.

The Rev. William Crosby Thompson will officiate. The remains will be laid to rest in the Oak Hill cemetery under the auspices of the local American Legion post of which Mr. Fife was a member.

Wolf Creek Fair to Be Held September 18-19

NORTH POWDER, Ore., (Special)—The Wolf Creek fair management has set the dates for this annual fair this year as Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19.

JAPANESE MAY OWN BUILDINGS

Attorney General Hands Down Opinion on Oriental Ownership

CANNOT HOLD A TITLE TO LANDS

Definition of Ruling Is Based on Oregon Laws and United States-Japan Treaty.

SALEM, Ore., (By the Associated Press.)—Japanese residents of Oregon may own business or residence buildings in the state but not the land on which they stand. They may, however, lease such land.

This is the opinion of the attorney general's office based on the Oregon laws and the treaty between the United States and Japan. The opinion was asked by District Attorney Beedingfield, of Coos county.

TIDEWATER DEFINED

SALEM, Ore., (By the Associated Press.)—The term "tidewater" in Oregon is defined by an opinion by the attorney general to mean any river or stream running into the Pacific, its bay or inlets or far up stream as affected by the tide.

The opinion was asked by the state game commission with reference to the law allowed an open season on trout 10 inches or more in length during December, January, February, March and April in all tidewaters.

PIONEER'S SON SHOOT'S SELF

BAKER, Ore., (Special)—Ill for six weeks with a nervous breakdown which led to despondency is believed by officers here to have been the cause of C. E. George, 36, Baker dairyman, taking his own life here Friday.

George shot himself through the head with a .22 rifle at his home about noon and died three hours later at St. Elizabeth's hospital.

He was found by his wife and son, Richard, shortly after the shooting and was rushed immediately to the hospital, where medical attention failed to save him.

The dead man was the son of Augustus George, a Baker pioneer, and was born in this city. He moved to Haines, he lived there until nine years ago, when he returned to Baker. He has been engaged in the dairy business here.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, Richard, Omar and Roland; a daughter, Odessa; a sister, Mrs. John Eberhard of California, and two brothers, Paul, George of Baker and Robert George of Pasco.

When Loans Scarcy All 1924

SALEM, Ore., (Special)—The 1924 wheat farmers in the food-depleted areas of Oregon, under an act of the 1922 legislature, \$18,452 has been paid back to date with interest at the rate of 8 per cent. With the exception of those in Morrow county all loans returned to the state have been paid in full.

Revised Want Ad Rates

Effective immediately, The Observer announces revised Classified Advertising rates, the change being made to a unit basis, instead of a word basis, and new rates being allowed for added consecutive insertions.

The new rates are announced at the head of the Classified Page today, with rules governing insertions. Special monthly Want Ad rates are also announced for copy of two lines or more running 26 consecutive issues. Low reader cost combined with The Observer's high reader-interest.

Telephone Service Changed

SALEM, Ore., (By the Associated Press.)—The public service commission in an order issued here granted permission to the Multnomah & Clackamas County Mutual Telephone company to extend its service to Troutdale and adjacent territory.

RECORDS OF DIRIGIBLE ARE FOUND

Souvenir Hunters Relieved of Barograph and Log Sheets

NAVAL OFFICERS AT WRECK SITE

Investigation of Conditions Surrounding the Shenandoah Disaster Now Under Way.

CALDWELL, Ore., (By the Associated Press.)—It was definitely determined today that the Shenandoah disappeared in parts before falling to the ground. Witnesses told their stories to the board of investigation headed by Captain Steacie.

The investigation was conducted in the old-fashioned farm home parlor in the home of Andrew Camery, tenant on land owned by Charles Davis, where the control and radio cabin fell with the majority of the fourteen dead.

Four or five witnesses told of seeing the airship lurch and lurch in the middle and then separate in two sections. The fifth said that he witnessed in his mind the Shenandoah sagged in the center and then separated. No testimony to substantiate reports that the dirigible struck the ground or trees before breaking apart appeared.

CALDWELL, Ohio, (By the Associated Press.)—The much sought barograph and records from the Shenandoah have been found and may aid naval authorities in determining the crash-cause. The barograph was located at Cambridge and the log sheets, a short distance away in the hands of the souvenir hunters. The barograph record will show the air pressure, atmospheric moisture and temperature.

CALDWELL, Ohio, (By the Associated Press.)—Captain George Washington Steele Jr., commanding officer at the Lakehurst naval station, arrived today and immediately set out with Commander Jacob H. Klein and other Lakehurst officials to visit the wreck scene.

MUSIC CLASSES STUDYING UNDER MRS. F. L. MILLER

With the approach of fall and the school season thoughts of parents are turning again toward the supplementary studies of music.

Miss Miller's instruction in music has extended over a long period of years and has been with many excellent musical pedagogues.

Two La Grande Medics Are Elected to Office

MIDWORTH, Ore., (By the Associated Press.)—With decline of influenza the new year and the beginning of a new year, the 31st annual convention of the Oregon State Medical Society was held at Midworth yesterday and the delegates departed for their various homes.

Dr. E. W. Boyce of La Grande, was elected president, and Dr. W. B. McQuay of La Grande, first vice president of the Oregon State Medical Society.

THREE INSURED IN FIRE

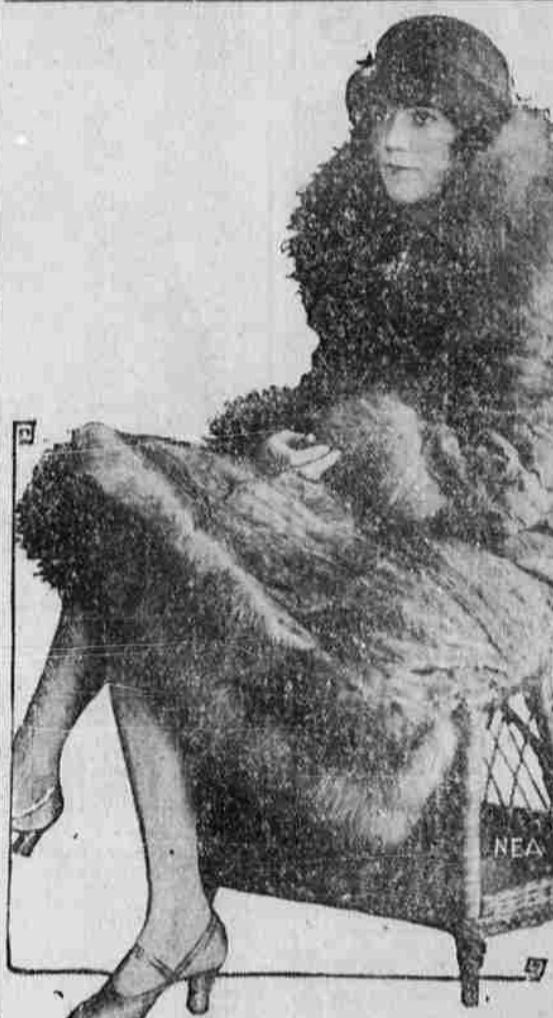
ROBERTSON, Ore., (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Iverson of Portland and Mrs. Bonnie Steele of this city were injured when Mrs. Steele's home was burned following the explosion of an oil stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Iverson were residing in apartments in the house and were warned to leave by Mrs. Steele immediately after the explosion. They rushed upstairs to escape some of their personal effects and were trapped by the flames, being forced to jump from the second-story window, a distance of about 20 feet.

BASEBALL RESULTS NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO 6, CINCINNATI 6. PITTSBURGH 5, BOSTON 3. ST. LOUIS 5, PHILADELPHIA 6. NEW YORK 14, PHILADELPHIA 10. AMERICAN LEAGUE. PHILADELPHIA 0, NEW YORK 0.

Joke Ends in Death



Joke turned to tragedy with Edith O'Connell, milliner of Seattle, Wash. On the eve of her wedding to A. Stamford Keller, business man, she attended a lanchonette party on Lake Washington in her home. As a joke, Edith went overboard to startle the party. Hours later the harbor patrol dragged her body from the water.

PACIFIC STILL HOLDS SECRET

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press.)—Captain Standard E. Moore, commanding the Hawaiian flight project, reported to the navy department today that an analysis of the situation given today to hope for the recovery today of Commander Rodgers and the missing seaplane PN-9, No. 1.

Eighteen destroyers, scout planes and private vessels continue to comb the Pacific waters.

MIDDLE WEST IN HEAT WAVE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press.)—Summer missed her exit cue in the south and middle west Friday and continued a voice for a smashing finale while September pointed in the wings for a chance to show her cooling winds and rain.

Temperatures in excess of 100 degrees were reported from a dozen widely scattered cities in the middle west as news of drought damage and suffering continued from the south and southwest.

Harrisburg, Ill., reported a maximum of 103; St. Louis recorded its fourth death from the heat in eight days as the mercury climbed to 100, Sheldon, Iowa, experienced its top seven hours Friday afternoon.

Popular Illinois, Mo., recorded 100, several Nebraska pilots caught the mercury of the century mark, Quincy and Centralia, Ill., reported 102 and Rockford 101. Chicago's unofficial records were in the 100's, and Indiana and Kentucky had several 100's in the hot Friday night.

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MITCHELL DENOUNCES AIR POLICY

Bitter Charges Made by Deposed Air Chief at San Antonio

EXPECTS TO BE ARRESTED MONDAY

Shenandoah Disaster and Losing of Seaplane the Result of "Incompetency", He Says.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (By the Associated Press.)—Predicting that he will be placed under military arrest Monday because of what he has said, Colonel William Mitchell, air officer of the Eighth Corps area and deposed chief of the air service, today issued a bitter denunciation of the war department and the navy department in connection with the Shenandoah disaster and the loss of the seaplane on the Honolulu hop.

"These accidents are the direct result of incompetency, criminal negligence and almost treasonable administration of the national defense by the war and navy departments," he wrote.

Charging that both departments have gone to the utmost length to keep down the aviation development, Mitchell said that all aviation policies were directed by non-flying officers who "knew nothing about flying and that the lives of airmen are being used merely as pawns in their hands."

Mitchell declared that the airplane used in the Hawaiian flight showed nothing novel in design and were untried for this kind of work. He said the patrol vessels

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U.S. FLYERS ON BATTLE FRONT

OEZZAN, French Morocco (By the Associated Press.)—American flyers of the Lafayette escadrille made their first debut as a unit on the battle front today. They took part in raids on one of the most important Riff military centers.

From buildings where the American aviators are billeted could be seen the batteries of French 75's shelling the hills occupied by the Rifians.

TOWN MARSHAL FATALLY SHOT

EATONVILLE, Wash. (By the Associated Press.)—Dolar Laplant, town marshal here, died today of wounds received in a pistol fight yesterday with William Charles.

The latter was wounded but physicians said today that he would recover.

Bird Life Reduced By Halt In Forty Years

(By Charles F. Stewart) WASHINGTON (SEA Special)—The department of agriculture's bureau of biological survey was named to recall the attention of Dr. William T. Hornaday, the zoologist, that the bureau is doing all it might to check destruction of the country's bird life, but the department of agriculture's bureau of entomology comes across with the information that the birds certainly are being destroyed.

What the entomologist folk have to say is purely on their own account, not in answer to the biologist's rather angry charge. They simply agree to remark that birds are a good deal more agricultural problem than they used to be, and that the reason for this aren't so many birds.

"Nature has its balance," as Congressman Martin L. Dacey, the tree doctor, remarked to me recently, "and when they're disturbed, it makes bad work."

"For instance, plant life would be endangered but for birds. Insects live on the plants and if there were enough of them they'd eat all the vegetation up. There would be enough of them, too, if it weren't for the birds. They eat

the insects. "They eat so many, if there are enough birds, that the plants hold their own. The more birds the more plants. But destroy the birds or reduce their number, considerably and the insects multiply enormously and at a prodigious rate, and simply sweep vegetation away."

That America's bird life has diminished greatly in the last generation of men, no authority on the subject denies. Some of the agriculture department entomologists estimate that it has been reduced by half in 40 years. Not only the departmental biologist, most of the destruction occurred during the earlier part of the 40 years, when less protection was afforded than is afforded today; it's adequate now.

Dr. Hornaday says not. He says it's inadequate yet, and he believes that he thinks the departmental biologists know it but don't do anything about it because they're too completely under the influence of the American Game Protective and Propagating association, whose members he farther hints, seem to him more interested in hunting than in protecting and propagating game.