

INVESTMENT COMPANY IS LAUNCHED

New Corporation Formed With Capital Stock of \$20,000

COMMERCIAL PAPER WILL BE HANDLED

A. T. Hill Elected President of Company at First Meeting of Stockholders Held Here.

A new corporation to be known as the Union County Investment Co., was organized at the first meeting of stockholders held recently, according to an announcement made by officials today.

The capital stock of the new company of \$20,000, which is completely paid up, was subscribed by present stockholders of the La Grande National Bank which institution the new investment company will be associated.

Handling of real estate, mortgages, chattels, and all kinds of commercial paper will be the business of the new company. It was projected because of a need for some corporation of this character that would not be limited by national bank requirements.

HARVESTING OF PRUNES BEGINS

UNION, Ore., (Special).—Prune picking and packing is on in full blast here and the work will be rushed as rapidly as possible as the fruit is ripening rapidly.

Some of the orchards are already too ripe for picking and will have to be dried at some local plant in order to save them.

Most of the orchards are yielding a good crop this year. Some of the school children are working in the orchards or in the packing sheds, but it is not planned to shut down the schools for this work unless a heavy call from the growers makes such action necessary.

OLDEST FREE MASON IN U. S. DIES AT AGE OF 107

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP)—Dr. Joseph Singer, 107, the oldest free mason in the United States, possibly the oldest in the world, died at his home at Breckenridge, Mo., Sunday night at the age of 107. He has 89 living descendants.

Enrollment Is Slightly Less Than 1924's Mark

The La Grande public schools—the high school, Greenwood, Central, Willow and Riveria grammar schools—are now functioning at regular speed, following the hectic and hectic of the opening day. Optimistic estimates of yesterday's enrollment fell a little short of the actual number which was ascertained by a check today.

He Lived



Tommy Higgins, of East Boston, Mass., shown here with his mother, has just about set a world's distance record for sewer swimming in the two and a half year old class. He fell through a manhole near his home and carried 400 feet by the ebbing tide. His father and uncle reached through another manhole and brought him up unconscious but unharmed.

DICK PEEBLER PASSES AWAY

Dick Peebler, for 82 years a resident of Ladd canyon, died about midnight last night at the termination of an extended illness.

He is survived by his widow, the following daughters and sons: Mrs. R. A. Lapper, Pasco, Wash.; Roy, Peabler, La Grande; Mrs. Frankie Miller, Portland; Ruth Bergford and Marjorie Peabler, La Grande; two brothers Henry and Adolph of Ladd Canyon, and two sisters Olive Kelley and Clara Allen of La Grande. His daughter Helen preceded him to the Great Beyond a few weeks past.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bonenkamp chapel with burial in the family lot in the Masonic cemetery.

Miss Schoffen Speaks; "Americanization" Topic

Miss Elizabeth Schoffen, known as Sister Lucertia, lectured to a large crowd in the Baptist church here yesterday afternoon and evening on Americanization.

Miss Schoffen, who is well known here, spoke most interestingly of her life in the past. She expects to leave La Grande tomorrow.

Filling Station Sold To Summerville Men

The La Grande Filling Station, at the corner of Hemlock and Jefferson, which has been in service since February 22, 1912, was sold yesterday to B. E. Kuhn and J. J. Zwoitl, both of Summerville.

For the present the former owner, J. E. Heasty, is undecided as to future plans, but he has announced that he will remain in La Grande.

Portland Attorney Is Here on Legal Business

Milton E. Klepper, Portland attorney who has been mentioned considerably of late as a prospective candidate for governorship, is in La Grande today on legal business. He is representing Dr. W. T. Pyle, before Judge J. W. Knowles in action to secure the setting aside of a judgment procured by Winifred Clemens.

Music School Plans For Future Growth

R. R. Robinson, violinist, of Chicago, arrived in La Grande yesterday and will teach music in the Eastern Oregon school of music here this winter. Mr. Robinson is an instructor in all vocal and brass instruments as well as violin. Up to the present the Eastern Oregon music school, located in the J. O. O. P. building, has continued its teaching in violin, voice and piano, but this winter it plans to expand so as to be able to teach all musical instruments. The instructors of the school plan not only to give music lessons but to teach theory, musical appreciation and history of music.

COMMERCIAL LUNCHEONS RESUMED

Chamber of Commerce to Meet Regularly Each Tuesday Noon

F. S. IVANHOE IS SPEAKER AT MEET

Constitution of United States Is Given High Tribute by Attorney and by Jurist.

"The constitution of the United States is the greatest instrument in modern or in ancient times," Col. F. S. Ivanhoe told members of the chamber of commerce today, speaking at the opening luncheon of the fall-winter-spring season. He ended his address with the words that the constitution is "your protection, my protection and the protection of every American."

The speaker reviewed the earlier events in the history of America that led up to the eventual constitution of the country, pointing out the conditions that produced those who "wished to follow the dictates of their own consciences" westward to the newly discovered land. The constitution, he said, was formulated after the articles of confederation, which "were toothless," were found to be inadequate and the need of a central authority was fully seen.

The essential feature of the constitution is the fact that it provides for a republican form of government for all the states. Mr. Ivanhoe said, pointing out the scientific balance of the document, with its provisions for a government of three main departments, the judicial, the legislative and the executive.

Mr. Ivanhoe was introduced by Judge J. W. Knowles, chairman of the meeting, following a short talk in which he paid a high tribute to the constitution.

The Rev. William Crosby Ross of the Presbyterian church, returned thanks and during the luncheon George H. Curry, representing the La Grande Realty Board, sincerely thanked the chamber of commerce for the work of the quarter in securing the 1925 Northwest Real Estate convention for La Grande.

The luncheon, held in the Odd Fellows hall, was a success.

ELGIN MAN SELLS 25 CARLOADS OF HUGE APPLE CROP

H. H. Weatherston, of Elgin, who has a \$75,000 apple crop this year on his 140-acre fruit ranch, returned to the La Grande home valley today from a trip to New York. He reports that he has disposed of about 25 carloads of early apples, including Delicious and similar types, which represent about two-fifths of his crop. The Weatherston crop this year is the largest in the history of this portion of Eastern Oregon.

Miss McNeal Resting Comfortably Today

Miss Maxine McNeal, who received a fractured skull Sunday when she was thrown from a horse, was resting comfortably this morning. Doctors and nurses taking care of her were more hopeful this morning of her recovery.

Your Delivery Service

Whether you receive your copy of the Observer by carrier in the city or by mail The Observer is interested in seeing that you receive prompt and regular service. The entire circulation organization is being reorganized gradually, delivery and collections, and the office will appreciate reports on unsatisfactory service of any kind. Previous service has not been what we desire and improvement in the next few months throughout the territory is planned.

Progress On Projects Is Satisfactory

Contractors Start Work on Septic Tank, Altering City Hall and on Water System.

Construction is now under way upon the three major projects authorized at the June third special session—the new sewage disposal plant, the repairing of and augmenting the water system, and the remodeling of the city hall building to house the new pumper truck which was purchased some time ago but which had not yet been delivered.

According to W. C. Crews, city manager, who is personally supervising the entire work, conditions are bright at all projects and the only thing that can halt continuous work until completion is inclement weather.

Hardenbower Bros., of Caldwell, are now transporting crews of workmen to the intake to begin the water project and the well drilling equipment is now on hand and work will begin as soon as preliminary arrangements can be completed.

The septic tank work is being pushed and fair progress is being made.

W. C. Kelley, contractor who will remodel and reconstruct the city hall building, has been busy on the job for several days.

CRIME, WRECKS HELP REAPER

CASUALTY LIST CHICAGO—17 killed over week-end throughout country. AUGUSTA, Me.—Alleged murder, suicides.

NEW YORK—Lifeless body of young woman found.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—Officer seeks to identify two charred bodies.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Woman slayer kills self.

MILES CITY, Mont.—Woman denies poisoning spouse.

CHICAGO (AP).—Seventeen persons met death throughout the country over the week-end in accidents or by violence, automobile mishap fatalities leading the way.

NEW YORK (AP).—A woman was found dead in a rooming house, while other deaths resulted from the following causes: Fire; 2; airplane fall; 2; drowning; 2; suicide; 2.

Deaths from automobile accidents alone for the entire week a nine mid-western states totaled 5, distributed as follows:

Illinois, 20; Ohio, 18; Indiana, 16; Minnesota, 9; Michigan, 7; Missouri, 5; Kansas, 3; Texas, 2; Oklahoma, 1.

Iowa escaped without a single fatality during the week.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP).—A belt buckle and a wedding ring were the principal clues upon which police worked Monday to establish identity of a man and woman whose charred bodies were found in a burned automobile near here Sunday. No license tags were found on the car and the motor number failed to reveal the owner.

The bodies were discovered amid twisted steel and mangled metal in an infrequently used road about a half mile from the national trail. The skulls were crushed as if by a blunt instrument.

Miss McNeal Resting Comfortably Today

Miss Maxine McNeal, who received a fractured skull Sunday when she was thrown from a horse, was resting comfortably this morning. Doctors and nurses taking care of her were more hopeful this morning of her recovery.

Your Delivery Service

Whether you receive your copy of the Observer by carrier in the city or by mail The Observer is interested in seeing that you receive prompt and regular service. The entire circulation organization is being reorganized gradually, delivery and collections, and the office will appreciate reports on unsatisfactory service of any kind. Previous service has not been what we desire and improvement in the next few months throughout the territory is planned.

CHINAMEN ROUNDED-UP BY AGENTS

New York Officials to Deport 134 Arrested Last Night

TONG WAR CAUSE OF STRIKE ACTION

Federal Agents to Weed Out Every Chinese Remaining in Violation of Exclusion Act.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—The hundred and thirty-four Chinese have been sent to the Tombs prison to await removal to Ellis Island for deportation following an all night roundup which netted a total of 160 Chinese.

Duzens of suspects were found with white women who said they were suspects wives.

The roundup, unprecedented in extent, came off a few hours after the leaders of the Long and City Sing tong signed a peace treaty calling for a truce in the tong warfare which had taken twelve lives during the last few weeks.

Federal officials announced their determination of weeding out every Chinese who remained in the city in violation of the exclusion act.

Major Huron Returns From Trip to Indiana

Major R. R. Huron has returned to La Grande after a trip to Indiana to visit his father and other relatives, who live there. While in the east he spent two days at Camp Perry, Ohio, where the National Rifle shooting contest was held. An Oregon national guard team took part in the contest and a team from the National Rifle association of Oregon.

Yakima Caravan Will Be Discussed at Lake

A committee from the local Chamber of Commerce and one from the local realty board will meet tomorrow noon at Hot Lake and have lunch with Dr. W. T. Pyle. The object of the meeting is to talk over and make plans for a caravan to Yakima valley sometime in the future to view irrigation there.

They will also discuss what can be done in the way of irrigation on the La Grande. About ten men are expected to attend the luncheon from here.

Route Announces Plans for Railroad

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press).—President William Spruille, of the Southern Pacific, announced today that a proposed new line through Lake, on the coast of Shikoyu and Modoc counties in California to a connection with Nevada. The California, Oregon and Nevada will be named the Central Pacific main line to Nevada.

Signs Name 1,200 Times Holding Pen in Teeth

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (By the Associated Press).—Sam Sloan, state treasurer, handless and armless, has started a task that would dwarf most men—the signing of his name 1200 times by holding the pen in his teeth.

Army Aviator Describes Sensations Parachuting

"Leggo," shouted the instructor, looking over his shoulder. And I found I couldn't let go. "Physically, my fingers wouldn't unhook. "Gings! The instructor hit me on the knuckles with a little mallet. "It broke my hold. "Whoosh! I shot down, maybe a hundred feet. Up went my vitals into my throat, just as your insides do when an elevator sinks from under you too fast—only a thousand times worse. I gave the ring a yank. "What's that you say? You'd think a man'd be too frightened to pull the ring? "Don't you believe it. That's the one thing he isn't too frightened to do. I pulled it all right. "Snap! It was the chute opening up overhead. Yoop! I felt an awful jerk, nearly tearing me apart. "Swish! Down went my girths to the soles of my feet—the elevator got again, only coming to a snappy stop this time, after a swift slump down the shaft. "And then I felt myself way-ing gently in the air, with the earth coming up to meet me, not livery fast."

Ready for Round-Up



Henry Collins, famous president of the Pendleton Round-up, who will signal the first "Let 'Er Buck!" of the celebrated cowboy contest on September 16th. The Round-up will run four days this year, it has been announced, ending September 19th.

OPENING BIDS ON AIR ROUTES

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The era of commercial aviation in the United States takes an advanced stride today with the opening of bids by the post office department for contracts for carrying mail on eight new air routes. The new service directly connects 29 important cities with 14 cities already receiving air mail service during the past year.

FREE HAND PROMISED. WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge will give his aircraft investigation board a free hand as to witnesses to be summoned and the course of procedure. Acceptances have not yet been received from all nine men asked to serve, but the executive is confident that all will accept. The president feels that the board must decide for itself whether the hearings shall be open to the public.

MCCOY GETS NEW TRIAL

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The first district court of appeals today granted an appeal of Avoniam McCoy, coast guard cutter fighter known as Kid McCoy, for a new trial on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Theresa McCoy, who died at Los Angeles last year, for which McCoy is serving a term in prison.

DEFENSE LOSES CASE

SEATTLE (AP)—The state highway commission may proceed with the reconstruction of 3.2 miles of the Columbia River highway, under contract with Siuslaw National Forest, between Astoria and Eganville, after a supreme court opinion today in injunction proceedings brought by Frederick Coffey, applicant, against the commission.

SENATOR WILL FIGHT CHARGE

BOISE, Ida. (Special)—Senator Robert N. Stanford will take action against the police authorities at Baker, Ore., when he was arrested Sunday night on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, according to announcement to local newspaper men following the hearing yesterday by the United States public lands subcommittee, of which he is chairman. "I do not know what action I shall take against the authorities," declared Stanford, "as I am too busy with the committee hearings to give the matter serious consideration just yet."

ARMY AVIATOR DESCRIBES SENSATIONS PARACHUTING

"Leggo," shouted the instructor, looking over his shoulder. And I found I couldn't let go. "Physically, my fingers wouldn't unhook. "Gings! The instructor hit me on the knuckles with a little mallet. "It broke my hold. "Whoosh! I shot down, maybe a hundred feet. Up went my vitals into my throat, just as your insides do when an elevator sinks from under you too fast—only a thousand times worse. I gave the ring a yank. "What's that you say? You'd think a man'd be too frightened to pull the ring? "Don't you believe it. That's the one thing he isn't too frightened to do. I pulled it all right. "Snap! It was the chute opening up overhead. Yoop! I felt an awful jerk, nearly tearing me apart. "Swish! Down went my girths to the soles of my feet—the elevator got again, only coming to a snappy stop this time, after a swift slump down the shaft. "And then I felt myself way-ing gently in the air, with the earth coming up to meet me, not livery fast."

CONGRESS TO BLAME NOT WORK

So Says President Coolidge in Answering General Charges

WHITE HOUSE HAS SEEN NO PROTEST

Expect Conditions to Improve So That Reclamation Work Can Be Speeded Up.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Congress and not the interior department is to blame, President Coolidge believes, because relief has not been afforded settlers on some reclamation projects in the west.

The president holds that Secretary Work, whose administration has been attacked in some quarters, is merely carrying out the law as he sees it.

This far, the White House said no protest aimed at Secretary Work had been received by the president.

The president believed if congress at the last session, had passed the bill the administration favored for relief of settlers there would now be no grounds for complaint.

The president is of the opinion during the last few years there has been a noticeable decrease in demand for irrigated land due in a large measure to low prices for farm products, but expects as conditions improve there will be a sufficient number of settlers in prospect for the government to speed up reclamation work.

ARMY AVIATOR DESCRIBES SENSATIONS PARACHUTING

"Leggo," shouted the instructor, looking over his shoulder. And I found I couldn't let go. "Physically, my fingers wouldn't unhook. "Gings! The instructor hit me on the knuckles with a little mallet. "It broke my hold. "Whoosh! I shot down, maybe a hundred feet. Up went my vitals into my throat, just as your insides do when an elevator sinks from under you too fast—only a thousand times worse. I gave the ring a yank. "What's that you say? You'd think a man'd be too frightened to pull the ring? "Don't you believe it. That's the one thing he isn't too frightened to do. I pulled it all right. "Snap! It was the chute opening up overhead. Yoop! I felt an awful jerk, nearly tearing me apart. "Swish! Down went my girths to the soles of my feet—the elevator got again, only coming to a snappy stop this time, after a swift slump down the shaft. "And then I felt myself way-ing gently in the air, with the earth coming up to meet me, not livery fast."