

DEEP WELL 120 FEET IN DEPTH NOW

Report of the Municipal Work Progress Heard by City Commission

NEW WAREHOUSE NEAR COMPLETION

Beaver Creek Intake Work May Be Finished in November, Crews Announces.

Progress of municipal improvements, made possible by the June third special election, was related last evening at the city commission meeting by W. C. Crews, city manager.

"The deep well near Second street viaduct, is now approximately 120 feet deep," the report read, "and I hope to have two shafts working on the well in a very short time."

"The work at the Seattle tank is coming along nicely. The warehouse which is being constructed by the city is now taking shape. The foundation and framework are completed at this time and I hope to have this building under cover within 10 days."

Water Project Report "The work at the Beaver creek intake is also progressing nicely," the report concluded, "and the line around the reservoir is completed all but the back-filling. Water will be turned through this line Thursday, October 29. The right-of-way on the Hidden Spring line has been cleared and the excavation approximately completed. No pipe is laid at this time. The right-of-way on West Beaver is all cleared and approximately 25 per cent of the excavation completed. All pipe and fittings for the Beaver creek work is now on the ground. The hauling was completed October 22. I believe it will take approximately 15 days to complete the Beaver creek contract."

License Cancelled A report was made to the commissioners by J. E. Stearns, city recorder, that Biddle Nickle, recently convicted of possession of liquor in the barland hotel, had surrendered his liquor license. Upon motion the license was accepted and the license cancelled, thus bringing to an end a situation that has resulted in considerable discussion and expenditure of time on the part of the city.

The matter of extending the fire limits east on Adams avenue was tabled and the underwriter's report.

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TRIO ARRESTS OLD OFFENDER

Joe Luckson was released on bonds of \$500 Wednesday afternoon from Justice Hugh E. Brady's court when he pleaded not guilty to a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. Trial has been set for Tuesday in the justice court.

Two quartets of whiskey taken from Luckson's room in a raid by William McKenzie, prohibition officer, and T. B. Barnett and George Pierce, federal agents, led to the arrest.

Luckson is held by officers to have pleaded guilty to a similar charge last June, paying a fine of \$250.

"I Ain't Got No Body" Warbles Mystery Foot

And now it transpires that the "dead man's foot" never had any body.

Just a plaster of paris model, that was all. One of those too-real reproductions that show men a place in their show windows to convince us that man's pedestal structure is a delicate thing requiring artificial arches for proper support.

This one was of particularly exquisite workmanship, and so expertly strung together with fine wires and minute springs, that it is no wonder the coroner and the deputy sheriff and others who saw it resting beneath two feet of running water just below the old Ore Bell bridge mistook it for the genuine thing, especially since their investigation took place in the evening.

It was Chief of Police Hayes who finally cleared up the mystery—and coincidentally freed the city water supply of an accompanying taint that patrons had

Fun O.K. On Hallowe'en, Chief Says

But Enjoyment Must Be Limited to Harmless Pranks—Curfew Will Ring at 9 O'clock.

An attempt to control ill-chosen Hallowe'en pranks in La Grande next Saturday night will be made by the police, it is announced today by Police Chief Clint Hayes.

"Harmless and funny pranks are above reproach," the chief remarked, "but when youngsters take to destroying property in their quest for nocturnal enjoyment—that is going too far."

Several extra police will be added to the force Saturday evening and a far-reaching patrol will be organized to continue throughout the night.

The curfew law, which provides that all children under 18 years of age be off the streets by 9 o'clock, will apply on Hallowe'en just the same as on any other night.

"We are going to make arrangements to take care of any children found on the streets after that hour," the chief said, indicating that a juvenile bull-pen will be ready for service in case offenders are brought into headquarters.

"No one blames the children for wanting a little enjoyment of the Hallowe'en nature once a year," he concluded, "but they will have to have their fun before 9 o'clock—and see that it doesn't involve destroying or damaging property."

JUNIOR PLAY TICKETS OUT

Ticket sales for the junior class play, "Miss Somebody Else," which will be presented under direction of Miss Maude Bennett at the high school auditorium the evenings of November 4 and 7, started with special recognition at an assembly held at the high school this afternoon.

Some of the high spots were fitted from the play and produced by the young actors to give the student body a taste of good things in store for them. Tickets were distributed to the class presidents and the Live Wires, who will divide them among the members of their classes for disposal to the public. These tickets may be exchanged for reserved seat coupons beginning Thursday, November 5, when the house will be open at the Glass drug store. Seats for the balcony will be sold only at the doors.

There will be competition by classes and by individuals on the sale of tickets for the play. Prizes for the winning contestants are being arranged.

Another assembly will be called Friday morning in honor of the high school football team, members of which are to leave shortly afterward for Boise and the Salmon game. Wesley Brown, president of the student body, will preside.

Salvation Army Plans Boys Club for City

The Salvation Army is now planning a boys' club for boys from 10 to 16 years of age, it is announced.

"Any boy and every boy, regardless of class is welcome to attend," Envoys Barker says. "Last night 15 boys enjoyed an hour listening to an explanation of the purpose of the club after which games were played and refreshments served."

No other city in Oregon outside of Portland has attempted to form such a club. Mr. Barker says, adding a suggestive word from townsmen will be welcome. Drilling, radio concerts, gym work, dancing and all kinds of sports will be on the club's winter program.

200 Attend American Legion Balloon Dance

More than 200 people attended the second annual balloon dance given through sponsorship by the American Legion at Zuber hall.

The ball was decorated with many balloons and in the center of the floor there was an arrangement of black cats and owls, suggestive of Hallowe'en. Manna's Imperial orchestra played.

Provision to the dance, the American Legion drum corps paraded the streets.

Delicate Operation Is Performed by Ralston

A bronchoscopic operation—one of the most delicate feats in modern surgery—was recently performed with complete success by Dr. F. L. Ralston, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

The patient was a 26-month-old child, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lloyd, who live at Enterprise. Examining into her mouth a handful of green peas from a quantity her mother had ready for roasting, the little girl choked and forced some of the peas deep into her windpipe.

The alarmed parents sent to La Grande for Dr. Ralston, who removed the offending object by bronchoscopy.

CONFERENCE STEEL VEST OFFICIALS IS SAVIOR OF BANDIT

La Grande Women Chosen for Two Positions by Mission Workers

MRS. GRICE, BOISE, NAMED PRESIDENT

Convention to Close This Evening Following Address by Mrs. Brock, of Delaware, O.

Mrs. T. E. Pierson was elected vice-president of the western district and Mrs. Floyd McKinnon was re-elected to the office of recording secretary when the delegates to the fourth annual convention of Women's Home Missionary society of the interstate conference chose officers for the coming year at the First M. E. church this morning.

Mrs. Elizabeth Grice of Boise who served two successive terms as president two years ago, again succeeds to the head of the society in this conference. Mrs. J. C. Schneider of Twin Falls will be the vice-president for the eastern district.

Mrs. G. W. Barnes of Colliester, Idaho, was named corresponding secretary. Mrs. C. D. Weaver of Twin Falls was elected treasurer. The Rev. H. S. Hamilton of Boise, district superintendent in this conference, addressed the convention this afternoon on "Missionary Opportunities in Our Own District."

Three fields in Oregon are waiting. (Continued on Page Five.)

MISS WILWEIS ESSAY WINNER

In the recently completed essay contest on "Old Friends" in the La Grande schools, sponsored by the local R. P. O. Elks lodge, under the direction of Beulah Green, the essay of Mary Theresa Wilweis of Sacred Heart Academy was chosen as the best among those written by high school students. She will probably enter her essay in a state contest in competition for a medal offered the winner.

The essay written by Boyd Jackson, a student in the eighth-A class of Central school, was selected as the best among those written by grade school students. He was given a bronze medal.

The subjects for the essays were arranged by President Condit. The high school students wrote on "Why Did the Victories of Falstaff and Centurion Count?" and "So Large to Our Success in the War of 1812?" The grade school subject was "Why Will the Preservation of United States Ship Constitution Promote Patriotism?"

Art Slides Will Be Shown Saturday Morn

Mrs. E. P. Mossman will show art slides at the public library Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for all of the children of the city who wish to attend. She will recommend the slides with a short explanation of each picture shown.

Last Saturday the children enjoyed a Hallowe'en story hour at the library.

FASTEN IN ITALY TO STAY MUSSOLINI TELLS WORLD

MILAN (AP)—Benito Mussolini, the Italian premier, announced to the world Wednesday evening that Fascism intends to control the destiny of Italy until overthrown by force.

Advertising A Farm Sale

When a farmer or rancher is to have a clearing out sale and therefore depends exclusively on bidding at auction to get proper return for his possessions, the most important thing he has to consider is getting the largest possible number of buyers to his sale.

Without a big group of potential buyers the bidding will be slow and will lack the important element of competition. The farmer having the sale is quick to realize that his most important expenditure of the entire event, and he also knows that he needs by far the largest number of rural readers through the columns of The Observer. He at in The Observer will get buyers in abundance.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Hero of Matrimony Weds Again



De Wolf Hopper, the much wedded musical comedy star, has married again. Surprising all of his friends who thought he had had enough of married life with his first five wives, Hopper went down from Boston to Hartford, Conn., and married Lillian Glasser, 29, of Oakland, Cal. Hopper is 60. Left to right is a trio of De Wolf Hopper's wives: Edna Surrey Hopper, No. 3, the present Mrs. Hopper, and Edna Wallace, who was the third of his long string of spouses. The inset shows De Wolfe Hopper himself.

COURT HEARS LOCAL CASES

Argument in all three Union county cases docketed for the present term of supreme court in Eastern Oregon, which convened at Pendleton Monday morning, was heard Tuesday on testimony as given in the original trials, by the moving parties, who took the cases under advisement. Decisions are hoped for within a period of two or three months.

Present on the bench were Chief Justice Thomas A. McBride and Justices Henry J. Bean, George M. Brown, George H. Burnett, John L. Rand, Oliver P. Coshaw and Harry H. Belt.

F. S. Vanhook and Gustav Anderson of Baker represented the applicants in the case of John I. Stoddard against Lot 1, Snodgrass and Clyde Zimmerman. In an action to restrain them from operating an undertaking establishment in a residence district. The respondents were defended by Cochran & Eberhard and R. J. Enkin.

E. R. Ringo assisted the district attorney, Carl G. Helm, in prosecution of the state's case against E. O. Wilson, Colonel Ivanhoe and Green & Hess were attorneys for the defendant. This is the second time the Wilson case has come before the supreme court on the other occasion, the case was returned to the original court for retrial, from which a conviction of manslaughter was again the result.

Sherriff Jesse Brecheers was the applicant in a case brought against him by Barrett Fulk for replevin on a side of attached property. The sheriff was represented by E. R. Ringo and the respondent by Colonel Ivanhoe.

Revaluation Hearing At Baker Is Closed

BAKER, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—The hearing before the Oregon public service commission of matters concerning the revaluation of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company property ended here yesterday, with the testimony of U. E. Lester, commission engineer.

The commissioners and other officials who took part in the hearing last Friday and the opinion in reference to the revaluation will be given out from Salem later.

Marshfield Budget Approved

MARSHFIELD, Ore.—The operation of city business in Marshfield next year will cost but \$2700 more than in 1925, or a total of nearly \$19,000, according to the budget accepted by the city council here. The budget includes an increase of about \$300 for city official salaries, while the police and fire truck funds were cut down \$1000 each.

Statutory Charge Holds

THE DALY CITY, Ore.—William Williams has been indicted by the grand jury here on a statutory charge involving a 12-year-old girl. A not true bill was returned in the case of G. Jerry Welch and Nevada Alma King, accused of receiving and concealing stolen property.

Greeks Say Evacuation Is Complete

Apprehension in League Circles Relieved Somewhat; Bulgarians Deny Greek Charges.

ATHENS (By the Associated Press)—Greek troops have evacuated Bulgarian territory, it is officially announced.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Apprehension in the league of nations quarters over the reported renewal of fighting along the Greco-Bulgarian frontier was relieved today by the receipt of an official dispatch from Athens stating that, despite a "Bulgarian attack," the Greek government has issued definite orders hastening the evacuation of Bulgarian soil by its troops.

GREEK REPORT DENIED

SOFIA, Bulgaria (By the Associated Press)—The Bulgarian telegraphic agency has issued an official statement denying the Greek report that an attack by Bulgarian forces was responsible for yesterday's fighting near the frontier.

ROBBERS KILL BANKER

BUFFALO, N. Y. (AP)—Robbers today shot and killed one employee of the Bank of Buffalo and wounded another in making away with the money contained in the bank's automobile. The loot amounted to \$63,000. The money was being transferred by auto from the Marine Trust company to the Bank of Buffalo. Both are in the downtown business section. Chas. W. Clifford, driver of the bank's machine, was killed, and L. M. Arrington, messenger, was wounded and is in a critical condition.

PORTLAND TO CELEBRATE

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Portland will have an Armistice day parade at 11 a. m. after all. The mayor's committee, which originally planned a noon meeting and parade at 7:30 p. m., today revised its plans because of strenuous protests by the American Legion. Business houses which had decided to remain open will be asked by the Legion to close.

Mrs. Gabriel Elected

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. W. W. Gabriel of the Irvington Parent-Teacher association of Portland, chairman of music for the state association, was today elected to the presidency, according to indications of an unofficial survey of ballots yet uncounted. Mrs. C. V. Ross of Portland was heavily written for the presidency, and early in the count it appeared doubtful which candidate would be successful. The remainder of the ticket was uncounted.

CALM SETTLES ON DAMASCUS

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Order has been restored in Damascus, says a report received today from General Sarrahl, French high commissioner in Syria.

Denying reports that women and children were evicted from the city, Sarrahl says few persons were left at the time of the bombardment against the rebel tribesmen, October 18, but that they are returning.

DISCONTENT RAMPANT

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—A dispatch says that a large part of the Jewish quarter of Damascus was destroyed by the French artillery and that hundreds of Jewish residents are reported to have been killed.

"All Syria is reported to be aflame with discontent," the dispatch continues, "this may be the beginning of a new war of Islam against the Christian powers." No one knows where the next attack may occur."

U. S. PRESENTS DEMANDS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Ambassador Herrick, in Paris, has made representations to the French government for protection of American lives and property in Damascus.

Instructions for Herrick to make this move were forwarded when word of disorders in Syria was received here.

Two American destroyers are at Alexandria, Egypt, ready to proceed to Beirut should the situation require further steps to safeguard the Americans.

Officials here estimate 150 Americans were in Damascus when (Continued on Page Five.)

Most Of Congressmen Had College Education

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special). "Many people have an idea that congressmen are pretty dumb," writes a correspondent. "Just how true is this?" he asks. "As to brains and education, how do they stack up?"

New England members of the 63rd congress, representatives as well as senators, were almost 100 per cent liberally educated. Next came the middle northwest—states like Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas and Iowa—and the south, from the Atlantic to the Mississippi about neck and neck. Then the Pacific coast. Fourthly the old-time cow country. Finally New York City and the industrial region, between the Alleghenies, the Mississippi and the Ohio river.

There's no implication that the men who fought their way up from the cattle range, the factory or the tin mine in the national spotlight are any less capable legislators than the white collar element, but fewer of them boast university degrees.

MITCHELL'S IMMUNITY PLEA NULL

Court martial Law Officer Rules Against Defense Application

FREE SPEECH NOT INVOLVED, RULING

Charges Against War and Navy Department Officials Held Military Offense.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Colonel William Mitchell's plea of immunity from a military trial on charges pending against him was overruled today by the general of the court martial proceedings.

The court's law officer ruled that when Mitchell charged the war and navy department officials with "criminal" and "almost treasonable" conduct in the administration of the air service, "he committed an offense against military discipline, and could not take refuge from punishment in constitutional guarantees for free speech, as he had sought to."

Mitchell's counsel then moved that all charges against him be stricken out on the grounds that the court's record failed to show that a commanding officer of the accused had ordered charges against the defendant investigated or had himself investigated them, as required by court martial regulations.

The court, after hearing arguments, denied the motion.

Premier's Brother Is Slain; Slayer Escapes

VIENNA (By the Associated Press)—Dimitar Tsankoff, brother of Premier Alexander Tsankoff of Bulgaria, was shot and killed in Sofia while walking the street.

Sofia dispatches describe the motive for the crime as unestablished. The slayer escaped. The Tsankoff brothers were estranged.

FRENCH FORM NEW CABINET

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—After a laborious task throughout the night, Premier Painleve succeeded in forming a new cabinet.

Painleve will be minister of finance in place of Joseph Caillaux. Aristide Briand is Painleve's selection for foreign minister.

ELECTION COMING SOON

ASTORIA, Ore.—Reports from Warrenton indicate that much interest is being shown in the city election to be held there November 3. W. C. Tremblay, mill man, is reported to be a candidate for the vacancy in the city commission left by the resignation of F. Warren, while petitions are being circulated to post Dan G. Malarky, H. R. Bowen and R. S. Hansen as candidates for the vacancy left by the resignation of Mayor Myers.

Pending the election, Commissioner Dunkelberger has been named as acting mayor.