

FIRST LOGS ARRIVE AT NEW PLANT

Eighteen Carloads Were Brought to Mt. Emily Mill Yesterday

ENGINES WARMING UP FOR OPENING

Mill to Begin Operating in About 10 Days But Formal Opening Will Be Later.

Official opening of the Mt. Emily Lumber company's plant in north La Grande will be sometime about the last of this month, according to announcement by August J. Stange this morning.

The final "close-out work" at the plant is now being completed, with the main construction entirely finished, and preparations are being made to start the mill probably about 10 days from now.

It is the plan of the officials to have the mill in operation for about two weeks before the formal opening.

First Logs Arrive.

The first trainload of logs, from the Five Point camp, arrived yesterday morning, and the 18 carloads were dumped into the log pond. From now on the logs will arrive in a steady stream and an adequate supply will be on hand when the saws begin functioning.

The generator engine was warmed up for the first time Monday and the big boiler was started yesterday. The latter is the main engine that turns over the mill.

Work, both at the plant, and at the logging camps, is progressing very satisfactorily, according to company officials.

NEW OFFICERS ARE NOMINATED

Nominations of officers for 1926 were made last night at Hagan hall by the American Legion post No. 42, of La Grande, and by the ladies' auxiliary to the post. Election will be held the first Wednesday in December.

Except in two instances, those nominated will have no opposition. Seven were nominated for the legion's executive committee, of five, and two were named for the auxiliary secretary.

The legion nominations follow: Commander: Harley Richardson. Vice commander: Hugh E. Brady. Finance officer: Lynn Robinson.

Adjutant: Chester Thompson. Chairman: C. V. Taylor.

Executive committee: G. to be elected: H. E. Cooldice, Orlis Palmer, Harvey Matthews, Roy Carson, Ray Williams, Lester Kinsey and Jesse Andrews.

The auxiliary nominations follow:

President: Florence Williams.

First vice president: Georgia Olsen.

Second vice president: Mrs. J. T. Richardson.

Secretary: Rose Curry, Ann Brady.

Paul Kiddle was appointed as historian to fill the unexpired term of L. I. Busby, who has removed.

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G.A.R. And World War Veterans To Be Buddies

From the white-haired remnants of the ranks of '61 to the khaki-knickered youngsters pledged to their good turn every day, all the patriotic orders represented in La Grande will fall into step on Armistice day for the big parade that will honor the heroes of the World War.

First will come the Pendleton drum and bugle corps, playing lively music for the Oregon National guards, who are next in line. Six or eight army trucks and other military equipment will follow.

The La Grande Municipal band will lead the Grand Army of the Republic, and its auxiliary, the Women's Relief corps.

Spanish-American war veterans will be followed by the Sons of Veterans, the Salvation Army and the Salvation Army boys' club. Then, the Boy Scouts.

Heading the ranks of ex-service men from Baker, Wallawa, Unadilla and Union counties will be the La Grande drum and bugle corps. The American Legion auxiliary will complete the parade, giving a place of honor by its line

Third Time



Cortland S. Dines of Denver, who was shot during a New Year celebration in Los Angeles two years ago by Mrs. Norman's chauffeur, is to be married to Miss Ruth Gibson, also of Denver. It will be his third matrimonial venture.

IMBLER DENIED UNION SCHOOL

Petitions of seven valley school districts for a union high school to be established at Imbler was denied by the district boundary board this morning when it was discovered that a good portion of the petitioners had canceled their signatures by signing their names also to the remonstrances entered by five of the districts.

Activity on the part of the opposition is held responsible for the failure of the petition. The proposition once arrived at a vote but was defeated by technicalities. Petitions favoring the school act at Imbler to circulate another petition immediately if they choose to do so, Judge H. G. Couch stated as he pronounced the decision. The boundary board comprises the county commissioners and the superintendent of county schools.

JUNIOR TICKET CHART STORMED BY PLAY-LOVERS

One lone coupon for Friday night and a handful more for the second night's performance were all the reserved seat chart at the Glass drug store had to offer at noon today to the holders of tickets for the production of "Miss Somebody Else" by the students of the Junior class at La Grande high school.

The board was opened at 8 o'clock this morning, but before 7:20 the waiting line extended double the far out into the street in front of the store.

Dress rehearsal went off last night with scarcely a hitch, although it marked the first use of properties and stage settings.

Miss Mabel A. Bennett, director, expressed herself as well pleased with the outlook for a good performance Friday evening. She is restricting the rehearsal tonight to skits in which difficult stage business occurs. Miss Florence Thompson and Miss Ruby Dillon are her assistants. Miss Ruth Johnson and members of the dramatics class are helping with the makeup.

Firemen Ask Rejection of New Pumper

City Commissioners Told That Stutz Fire Truck Is "Mechanically Defective."

A recommendation that the city commissioners "not accept the Stutz pumper, as it has proven mechanically defective as to power, as the company has not furnished bond as per contract" was read by Joe Keeney, of the La Grande Volunteer Fire department, last night at the weekly meeting of the commission. The recommendation was signed by the 16 members of the fire department, who acted unanimously in the request to not accept the pumper fire truck.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of the recommendation. The commissioners heard reports that the truck's clutch was defective, that the fenders were too lightly constructed and of other mechanical defects.

Commissioner J. P. Landis said that he believed the company would be willing to correct these faults.

No action was taken on the recommendation last night beyond entering it upon the minutes.

A communication was read, prior to the presentation, from the selling company, asking that final action in reference to the contract be held up until next week. The commission acquiesced to this request.

Prize Given City. A communication received by Captain J. J. Houghton from First Lieutenant Donald G. Duke, U. S. air service, Washington, D. C., was read and filed. The war department in the letter expressed appreciation of the city's action in making preparations to place the name "La Grande" on a new warehouse roof for aerial identification.

"Please extend in the city commission the air service's appreciation of their cooperation in this matter," the message said.

An ordinance, authorizing the city recorder to draw up assessment rolls for improvement district No. 152, was read three times and adopted unanimously.

City to Buy Property. A resolution was passed authorizing the purchase of the property of Isabel Simmons, in west La

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TWO BELOW AT MEACHAM, ORE.

The first sub-zero weather in Oregon so far this season was reported this morning from Meacham, about 25 miles west of here, by Helmer Olson, state highway patrolman stationed there. Mr. Olson keeps a record of the weather and this morning reported that the thermometer registered two degrees below zero at 7 o'clock this morning. Yesterday morning the thermometer registered 23 above.

In addition to below-zero weather there is about an inch of snow at Meacham.

In La Grande, while the weather has been below the freezing point, no severe cold has been felt, and at present sunny days indicate that autumn still holds sway.

(By the Associated Press)

Pendleton and Klamath Falls last night experienced the coldest nights of the season with 20 and 18 degrees above zero, respectively. Eugene for the second time within a week reported below freezing weather, with 23 degrees.

Judge to Hold Court in Wallowa County

Judge J. W. Knowles went to Enterprise this afternoon to spend the remainder of the week with motion day and other matters preparatory to the opening of the regular November term of circuit court in Wallowa county Monday.

A large number of criminal cases and but a few civil cases are docketed for trial, the judge said. H. E. Hanna, court reporter, will go to Enterprise next week to officiate during the trials.

Lester Blokland Sells Hogs 17 Cents a Pound

(PORTLAND, Ore. Special)—Stock exhibited by members of boys' and girls' clubs was auctioned yesterday at the Pacific International Livestock exposition.

The top price on hogs was paid for the champion litter owned by Dale Clements of Gooding, Ida. 32 cents a pound. The next best price was 17 cents, paid by the Benson Commission company for the animals owned by Lester Blokland, of Island City, Ore. The average for the 22 lots was about 14 cents a pound.

DEFICIT IN 1926 FACED IN OREGON

C. C. Chapman Discusses Condition of State's Finances

WARRANT BASIS IS NOT LIKELY

Use of Highways Money for General Fund Expected to "Tide State Through."

(By C. C. Chapman)

Unofficial reports emanating from official sources at Salem have suggested that there will be little or no deficit in state finances during 1926, despite loss of cigarette tax and other revenues by referendum, and that state taxes will be reduced by more than \$500,000 for that year.

Whether there are any such probabilities should be known soon, as the state tax commission is required to prepare its estimates and levy for the 1926 state tax early in December of this year. Here is how the situation stands up at this time:

Direction was given by the legislature to the state tax commission to levy not in excess of one-half mill for the 1926 requirements of the soldier loan board, officially known as the World War veterans state aid and sinking fund commission. This year the levy less than one-half mill should be a lesser amount is needed.

The prospects are that the levy will be for one-half mill or nearly one-half mill. A reduction of state property taxes of one-half mill, possibly a little more, may therefore be expected for 1926. If the reduction is one-half mill, the state property tax in 1926 will be about \$500,000 less than for 1925, which will be welcome news to property owners.

Likewise, the state tax commission has some discretion as to levies for other state purposes, but there is no hope that it may reduce the main state levy below the \$2,028,432 permitted under the constitutional limitation of increase in this levy to 5% of the limitation, was \$1,925,045. The increase from this year's amount, by \$103,387 to \$2,028,432, would appear to be essential.

Fading Prospective Deficit. In fact, what the state really is facing is a prospective deficit, for 1926, of about \$500,000 to \$600,000, due to the referendum of members which legislature intended to provide revenue to cover its

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WHEELER ASKS FOR DISMISSAL OF INDICTMENTS

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, has asked the District of Columbia supreme court to dismiss indictments charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with oil prospecting permits in his home state.

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Church Not A Failure, A.J. Shartle Declares

"The world is getting better, people are living on a higher moral plane and the church, though it may not appear so, is growing stronger and reaching out to wider fields than ever before."

Such is the optimistic opinion of A. J. Shartle, of Boston, Mass., who is here as field secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor to begin a campaign for religious training of young people that will keep him in the states of the northwest for several weeks.

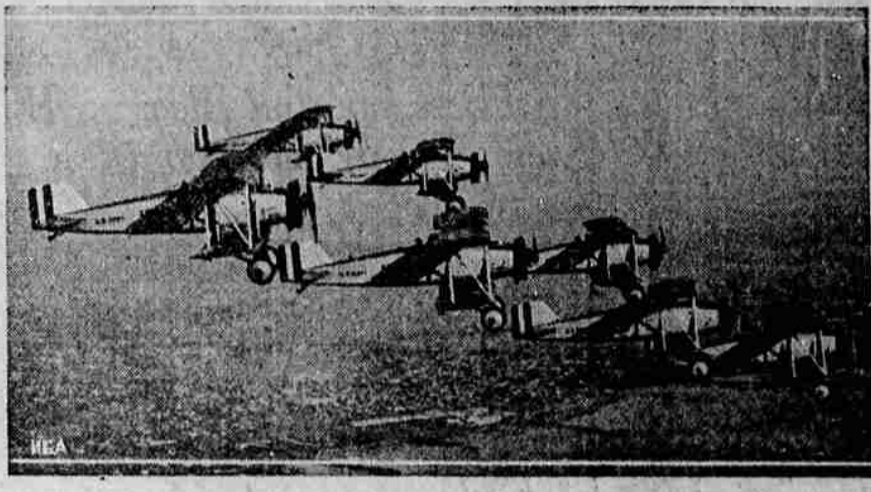
His visit to La Grande may be regarded as the opening wedge. At a special assembly period this afternoon, he addressed the students of the high school. This evening he will deliver a public address at the Presbyterian church on the subject, "Christian Endeavor and the Work of the Kingdom."

Church Not Failure. "I have a definite opinion about the failure of the church to carry out its program—I know that it hasn't failed," Mr. Shartle said emphatically when interviewed by an Observer reporter in the lobby of the Notturner hotel this morning.

"The trouble is that people see the church as the building where a congregation gathers each Sun-

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Keeping In Step In The Air



Perfect squadron formation—until one plane falls out of step! While en route for San Francisco from San Diego, Cal., one of the planes in the squadron had engine trouble, started to drop out of formation to land, but was flown onto by the plane immediately behind it. Both planes fell to the sea off Oceanside, Cal. Lieutenant Edgar L. Adams, pilot, was killed.

AIR BUREAU IS RECOMMENDED

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The creation of a bureau of civil aeronautics in the department of commerce with broad powers to regulate and promote all civil and commercial flying in the United States, forms a central recommendation of the committee on civil aviation appointed by the department and the American council last June to make an exhaustive study of the question.

The committee, headed by Assistant Secretary of Commerce Drake, declares in its report, made public today, that the possibilities which it sees for development of commercial aviation in the United States can be realized only through a definite program with government assistance for the industry.

A. W. Wall Fined \$25 for Resisting an Officer. In the municipal court yesterday before Judge J. D. Slater the trial of A. W. Wall, on a charge of resisting an officer, was heard and Mr. Wall was found guilty and fined \$25. It was stated at the trial that he believed he would appeal to the circuit court.

The case grew out of the recent seizure of the transfer by the school authorities of seven fourth grade pupils from Central to Willow school, when A. W. Klone, police officer, at the request of the school authorities, was removing the child of another family from Central school and Mr. Wall and the officer became involved, with the result that Mr. Wall was charged with resisting an officer.

So far as the controversy is solved by the Wall and Higgins families sending their children to the Sacred Heart Academy.

WOODSHED BEING. The burning of a woodshed, with small damage, on Jackson last night called the local fire department out just before midnight.

Other than the woodshed loss, no damage was reported.

Trainmen Are Seeking War Wage Restoration. CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Proposals centering on restoration of war time wage levels were approved late Wednesday by the Western Joint Association of General Chairmen of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors.

The increase contemplated in such a proposal would involve more than \$25,000,000 a year when applied to the more than 200,000 men in yard and train service.

(By the Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Robin Reed, sensational ex-amateur wrestler, last night won two straight falls over Ted Brown, Hibbing, Minn., welterweight.

Ted Thye, Portland light heavyweight, took two straight falls from George Johnson, of Ohio.

SANTA'S TIN CUP RAINED LONG BEACH, Cal. (AP)—This is to notify Santa Claus that if he visits Long Beach this year he must leave his tin cup behind. The city council has unanimously agreed to deny all permits for the solicitation of money for any organization or cause employing collectors disguised as Santa Claus.

"Such confusion of Saint Nick with solicitors destroys one of childhood's most beautiful illusions," declared one councilman advocating the move.

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3 Witnesses Checked off Defense List

Colonel Mitchell's Counsel and Prosecution Make Further Compromises in Washington.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Further compromise in the matter of witnesses and documentary evidence were made today between opposing counsel in the Mitchell court martial proceedings.

Mitchell agreed to withdraw requests for subpoenas for Major General Robert C. Davis, adjutant general of the army; Rear Admiral Hilary Jones, president of the Shonandoo inquiry; and Major A. M. Kropf, Luke Field, Honolulu.

At the same time the prosecution obtained the consent of white house officials and the war, navy, and agriculture departments that documents in their possession relating to aviation will be turned over to the defense.

Attempt to Take Life of Mussolini Fails. ROME (By the Associated Press)—An announcement of the frustration of an attempt against the life of Premier Mussolini, to have been made yesterday while Rome was celebrating the seventh anniversary of the armistice with Austria, created a political sensation throughout the country today.

A former socialist deputy, Santoni, was arrested just as he was leaving a hotel to make the attempt, the police said.

(By the Associated Press)

SEATTLE (AP)—Advices from Washington, D. C., published here today, stated that the Columbia Pacific Shipping company of Portland, seeks to purchase five passenger liners operated out of Seattle for the United States shipping board. A representative of the Portland company is now in Washington conferring with members of the shipping board.

POTATO EMBARGO WILL CONTINUE UNMODIFIED. WASHINGTON (AP)—The agriculture department Wednesday announced that it does not intend to remove or modify the restrictions on the entry of potatoes from countries where the potato wart disease is prevalent.

The potato wart, the department said in a statement, is widespread in Europe and has always been recognized as one of the most dangerous of potato diseases.

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OPEN SEASON ON ELK LIKELY

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—A limited open season on elk in the section of the Blue Mountains adjacent to corners of Unadilla, Grant, Union and Baker counties is declared a possibility by State Game Warden Averill, in his October report to the game commission.

The elk are numerous enough to justify killing a limited number of bulls without interfering with the rapid increase of the herd if the plan for limited hunting may be worked out, the report said.

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BANDITIS AT HEAD OF REBELLION

Syrian Situation Becoming More Serious with New Developments

"PRESIDENT" HAS 4,000 MEN READY

Bakri Concentrates His Troops South of Damascus; Fighting Reported Under Way.

PARIS (AP Press Time Flash)—A pitched battle is raging around Damascus, says a telegram from the Lapresse correspondent tonight, and a French column under General Gamelin is in difficulty. Druce forces engaged in the fighting exceeded any number they have hitherto put into the field, the message said.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—A Cairo correspondent tonight says a bandit chief named Bakri has been proclaimed "president of the Syrian republic" with headquarters at Hama, and that he has concentrated 4000 men 15 miles south of Damascus.

SITUATION SERIOUS. LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The Syrian situation is still tense and apparently fraught with grave possibilities.

Reports here assert there has been renewed fighting in the outskirts of Damascus between the French and the rebels, and that the French are using all efforts to prevent entry into the city of tribesmen on the outside.

Wire communications have been erected in the area by the French who are declared to be short of troops and enrolling Kurds and other natives to help them.

"An uncontrolled rebellion seems sweeping the entire country. The French cannot hope to cope with the situation owing to inadequate numbers," said one correspondent.

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