

500,000 IS NUMBER OF CALLS MADE

Each Month Telephone "Plugs in" a Half Million Times

TEN EXCHANGES IN HOME SERVICE

Figures Show That Approximately 3,350 Stations Are Served by La Grande Organization.

Service so unobtrusively efficient and dependable that you take it for granted along with air to breathe and water to drink—that is the kind of service the Independent Home Telephone company aims to provide for its customers, and does to the extent that strangers exclaim in surprised appreciation of it.

The company serves some 3350 telephone stations through its 10 exchanges. About 1900 of them are taken care of through the La Grande exchange, which is equipped with a central office of the most modern kind.

Even during the rush period, between 8 and 10 o'clock in the morning, when calls mount up to 1400 an hour, with 400 or more of them falling on the board of a single operator, the responses are prompt and the connections accurately made.

Half a Million Calls. An average of approximately half a million local calls are answered each month, and the long distance calls for a month number about 10,000.

Long distance service is rendered throughout the territory. For this purpose 877 miles of toll wires are operated, 287 miles of which are copper and the remainder iron. The toll exchange requires 1747 miles of wire in addition to the toll circuit.

Improvements Continue. Improvements and repairs are practically incessant. Aside from meeting the current requests for increased service, the building program includes the reconstruction of the greater part of the La Grande-Jewell toll line along the new state highway. The old line followed the county roads, and will be moved as local conditions warrant.

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REALTY BOARD NAMES MILLER

William Miller was elected president; L. S. Weeks, vice-president, and Ray Williams, secretary-treasurer, of the La Grande Realty board last evening when the members of the board met in the offices of George H. Curry for the special purpose of electing officers. It was decided by members of the board that active planning for the Northwest Realtors convention, which will be held here next year, would begin immediately and continue from now on until the convention. The arrangements and an explanation of the convention will be made public by the board through The Observer from time to time.

Tigers Defeat Imbler Eleven in Snappy Game

La Grande high school, overcoming a versatile offense and a determined defense, defeated Imbler last night in a snappy game. Imbler, 23 to 0, keeping its goal line untouched by district teams. In three East Oregon games La Grande has scored 39 points to opponents' nothing.

Imbler, expected to hold the Tigers to a lower score, was bewildered by the shiftness and unexpectedness of the attack unleashed by the La Grande backfield. On straight plays under the shadow of their goal posts, the Apple Pickers furnished a stiff defense, but out in the open the local team simply ran away from their opponents.

La Grande's interference showed considerable improvement, and more than once the linemen opened wide holes for plunging backs and the backfield men cut off opponents on end runs. At times the Tigers played with line-like precision, giving promise of great power for the Pendleton Armistice day.

McKennon, Brown Make Gains. McKennon was piked by most of the outstanding backfield star the game, with Paul Brown



Col. Thomas W. Miller, formerly alien property custodian, who was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York City charged with defrauding the U. S. government out of \$7,000,000. Miller is accused of reselling confiscated stocks to their former owners after the world war ended.

TAX REDUCTION OUTLOOK ROSY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The house vote support in both the house and senate of the tax reduction bill is now strong. Practically united and means committee, and an almost unprecedented prospect is confidently expected by house leaders.

With virtually all vital and controversial points in tax reduction already acted on by the committee, Chairman Green said today that a non-partisan measure "bearing almost unanimous support" seems probable.

For the first time since the war Democrats and Republicans in the committee have worked out their differences, so far at least, and agreed on the main provisions of the revenue bill.

County Teacher Signs With "Artists, Models". Miss Marcella McCullough, formerly teacher in a country school in the Telocast district, has signed a contract to be prima donna with Shilbort's "Artists and Models" production, to run three years. Miss McCullough went to New York early this fall, where she at once sang for Lee Shilbort and was signed up. She is to have one year on the road under Shilbort's management and then is to be given her place on Broadway.

Phymere Lilith Pontiac Wins Additional Honors. One of Dr. W. T. Phyl's Holstein, Phymere Lilith Pontiac, has added another honor to those she has brought to Eastern Oregon. Pontiac, as she is known at the State fair, has just won the state's record for senior two-year-old Holsteins on a 265-day test. She was one of Dr. Phyl's show herd at the 1925 Pacific International and won ribbons there both when shown individually and in class groupings.

Stanfield Will Speak At Commerce Club. Senator Robert N. Stanfield, of Oregon, will be the guest of the chamber of commerce Tuesday at its regular weekly luncheon. The senator, who has consented to stop off here on route east, will deliver the main address of the meeting, which will be of a non-political nature.

REV. POLLARD TO DELIVER UNION SERVICE SERMON. Armistice week and the annual Red Cross roll call will be jointly ushered into La Grande with a special union service at the Christian church Sunday evening. Protestant congregations in the city taking part.

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3,000 MAY HELP CITY CELEBRATE

Large Crowds Expected Here Armistice Day From 4 Counties

VICE COMMANDER TO ATTEND FETE

Pendleton Legionnaires Planning to Charter Special Train to Bring Quota to La Grande.

Tri-colored banners strung the length of Adams avenue today fluttered the announcement that La Grande is putting the final touches on her preparations to receive between 2000 and 3000 visitors from Union, Walla, Baker and Umatilla counties for the joint celebration of Armistice day Wednesday.

Harold Warner, state vice commander, will head the delegation from Pendleton, where the legion is planning to charter a special train to bring its football team, its drum and bugle corps and a zoologically crowd of boosters. Merchants of the roundup town have voted to close shop in honor of the day. Other nearby towns will move into La Grande en masse, according to the letters to Otis Palmer, commander of the entertaining post.

The Elks temple will be turned over to the visiting legionnaires as their home for the day. They and their wives will take dinner at the old I. O. O. F. hall, on Adams avenue, as guests of the local post and the Union county chamber of commerce.

Word has come from Hot Lake (Continued on Page Five.)

Girl Coming Here But Purpose Is Unknown

Is there in La Grande or its vicinity someone who knows or knows of one Martha Stern, a 20-year old German girl, who is expected to arrive here soon via Chicago?

If there is, Mrs. Rena Palmer, chairman of the American Red Cross society here, would like to hear from that person, for she is in receipt of two telegrams from the "Travelers Aid" in Chicago, advising her to expect the young woman on passenger train No. 17 Sunday morning.

Miss Stern may be identified by a blue coat and a brown hat. The first telegram stated, but vouchsafed no information about the young woman's purpose in coming to La Grande. The second message carried information that her arrival would be Sunday morning.

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Junior Play Pleasing To Large Crowd

"Miss Somebody Else" Presented Last Night in High School; Final Appearance This Eve.

"Miss Somebody Else," a four-act comedy, was presented last evening by the junior class to a crowd that packed the high school auditorium to the last seat. Mirthful situations and the excellent portraying of their parts by members of the cast gave the play a send-off that registered high, according to those who witnessed it.

The final presentation of the play will be tonight, and reports are that every reserved seat has been spoken for and predictions are that a rush for balcony seats will materialize.

The plot of the playing, carrying two heads of interest—the capture of a villain and the savior of an old friend from bankruptcy, found the heroine, Ann Delavan, alias Nora O'Brien, cast in a clever and pleasing role—that of an all-around savior. As Miss Delavan, the heiress, and (Continued on Page Five.)

FRANCE FACES HOLY WAR NOW

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Holy war against the French in Syria threatens. The Arabs are reported to have joined Druse tribesmen and are prepared to fight to death in a crusade against mandatory power.

The official advice related that the rebellious movement is increasing and that provisional governments are being established by insurgents in various parts of the country where they are in control. Damascus is sorely beset. Druses surrounding the barred city, with which communication is reported to be completely cut.

Commission Working County Budget

Planning a budget of expenditures for the county is a complicated task. The county commissioners, assisted by a committee of three laymen, worked at the job all day Friday, and this morning a number of items remained to be attended to before the totals would be ready to announce. Judge V. G. Couch hoped to have the work completed this afternoon.

Several expense items have been cut materially, while in other cases the increasing business of the county has required additional expenditures for office assistance. It would be difficult to make a comparison with former years until the totals can be definitely computed, the judge said today.

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CONDITIONS OF LIVING FAVORABLE

Hoover Makes Rosy Report in Economic Review Given Today

NO UNEMPLOYMENT HELD BIG FACTOR

High Wages and Equitable Balance of Prices Contribute Much Toward Prosperity.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Material conditions of living for the American people during the last year have been "the highest in all history," Secretary Hoover said today in an economic review made public as part of the annual report of the commerce department.

The factors listed by the secretary as contributing to this condition included practically the complete absence of unemployment, and the presence of high wages, efficient railroad operation, an equitable balance of prices among the greater producing groups, and the gradual return to stable currencies and normal business operations among the nations abroad.

STATE RESTS CASE AGAINST BLAZER TODAY

LITTLETON, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—After placing six witnesses on the stand, the state rested its case today against Dr. Harold Blazer, charged with the murder of his daughter, Hazel, 34, a "child woman."

The prosecution rested with dramatic adroitness at the Dr. George A. Motson, physician and alienist, declared that Blazer's insanity was "probably stimulated and caused by either an opiate or chloroform."

The state's action disappointed the courtroom full of spectators, who expected to hear the testimony of Mrs. Francis Bishop, called as a state witness against her father, Dr. Blazer.

The court overruled a defense motion for a directed verdict. "The defense claimed the prosecution had not proved corpus delicti."

Three Cars Figure in Accident Near City

Three cars figured in a collision on the La Grande-Island City highway about a quarter of a mile outside the city limits yesterday evening shortly after 5 o'clock. A large sedan, driver unknown, was forced into the ditch at the side of the highway and the front wheels and radiator of a smaller car, driven by H. L. Hug of Elgin, were damaged. The third car escaped injury. None of the occupants of the cars were hurt.

Mistletoe Regarded by Federal Men as Pest

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—If the department of agriculture has its way, kissing opportunities under the Christmas mistletoe will be abolished.

The department doesn't object to the kissing, but rather to the mistletoe which is regarded as a dangerous forest pest. A drive has been started against the insect in national forests and within 10 years the department hopes to exterminate the pest.

Legion Will Aid in Week's Observance

Cooperating with the schools and the state in the observance of American Education week, the La Grande post of the American Legion has appointed Dr. J. L. Ingie and Dr. Ray Murphy as representatives on the committee supervising events of the week.

Miss Ethel Richford has been named to represent the legion auxiliary.

Colored Men Pay \$5 For Fighting in City

Arley Smith and Ernest Boston, colored, were fined \$5 each in the municipal court by Judge J. D. Shuster on charges of fighting.

Parents Can't Stop Her



Sandye Brush, Stanford university freshman, loves Ted Mayer, wealthy Los Angeles reporter and grandson of T. A. Havermayer, millionaire New York sugar dealer, and she's going to marry him despite parental protests. The young couple eloped in September, but Sandye's parents had the marriage annulled because she was too young. They may attempt suicide. On November 20, she will be 18. Then they will be married.

BAKER COPPER BELT VISITED

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—Five prominent railroad, newspaper, bank and hotel executives of Portland visited the copper belt yesterday. Arthur Spencer, general counsel, and J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O.-W. L. & N. company; Phil Metchan, manager of the Imperial hotel; Edgar B. Piper, editor of The Oregonian, and C. C. Cobb, vice-president of the First National bank of Portland, arrived in Baker at 11 o'clock this morning in Mr. O'Brien's private car, guests of William Pollman, and went on a trip of inspection to the copper belt.

The party was greeted by a reception committee consisting of Mr. Pollman, J. D. Crary, president, and John Arthur, manager, of the Mother Lode Copper company; Dan French, president of Basche-Sage Hardware company; Blaine Hallock, Baker attorney; W. C. Calder, timberman, and Lucien P. Arant, manager of the Baker Herald.

Party Taken to Bank. Members of the party, in fine spirits and glad to have the opportunity to visit the copper zone, were bunched into three automobiles and taken to the Baker Loan & Trust company where, as the guests of Mr. Pollman, they viewed the elaborate displays of flowers and tokens of appreciation sent on the occasion of the bank's observance Thursday of the 20th anniversary of its founding. The visitors were introduced to officials of the bank and other local business men.

The guests, all of whom had read much about Baker's vast copper belt, were pleased at the opportunity to visit the city and country of Baker. They expressed surprise at the city's unusual activity, particularly in new construction and its excellent prospects for the future.

Under clear skies and in bright sunshine the party, accompanied by Messrs. Arthur, Crary, French, Hallock and Calder, left for the Mother Lode mine shortly before noon.

Day Clear and Warm. The slight fog earlier in the day had lifted. The day was warm and ideal for the trip. The visitors expressed amazement at what they

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Boxer-Wrestler Loses To Dee Hatton on Foul

PENDLETON, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Dee Hatton, local wrestler, won last night on a foul over Bobby Kreiger, writer-wrestler, when the latter knocked him out. It had been developed that Kreiger is Cal Herman, Salt Lake boxer.

Herman is proficient in both sports, boxing under his own name and wrestling under the name of Kreiger. He recently knocked out Ernie Woodward, Portland fighter, at Itosburg.

Women with short hair are not so "cantankerous" as those with ornate locks, in the opinion of a London hair dresser catering to

STOCK RATE IS HELD TO BE UNFAIR

Interstate Commerce Commission Makes Ruling Today

NEW RATE SCALE IS DECIDED UPON

From Points East of Pendleton as Far as Huntington \$15 Above Figure Is Issued.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The rates on livestock moving to Tacoma and Seattle from central and eastern Oregon and southern Idaho were held by the interstate commerce commission today to be unfair as compared with rates to North Portland, Ore.

The commission laid down a scale of rates to North Portland \$5 a car for 100 miles and \$15.50 for 1000 miles.

Tacoma-Seattle rates should be based on this scale, the decision said, but might exceed the rate to North Portland by \$20 a car from points west of Umatilla, Ore. From points east of Umatilla as far as Pendleton, Tacoma-Seattle rates will be \$18 above North Portland rates; from points east of Pendleton as far as Huntington, \$15 above; from east of Huntington as far as Nampa, Idaho, \$12 above.

BEAR HUNTING LAW IS CLEAR

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Bear is not a game animal according to an opinion by Attorney Van Winkle and, excepting during the month of November in Jackson, Joseph and Klamath counties, may be killed or hunted with dogs or in any other manner at any time of the year.

The opinion was written in reply to an inquiry by State Game Warden Averill.

HAMMER USED BY MURDERER

OGDEN, Utah (By the Associated Press)—The body of Mrs. Hattie C. Jensen, 43, beauty parlor operator, was found in a thick fur here early today.

Near the body was a broken hammer and a small sharp knife. The woman seemingly had been struck a heavy blow on the head with the hammer and an effort made to cut off her head with the knife.

Prohibition Here Suits Britishers, They Assert

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—A number of British clubmen who returned recently from the United States contend there is more prohibition in England than in America, and they are using this argument in a movement designed to bring about longer hours in which drinks may be served in club rooms.

English clubs, like the public houses, must close their bars for nine or ten out of the 24 hours, different cities and boroughs having varying regulations. Recently a delegation of club members, representing all classes of clubs in the country conferred with Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the home secretary, in the hope of receiving permission to run things in the matter of drinks a little more to their own liking. They pointed out that when the restrictions on liquor were imposed in 1915, Mr. Lloyd George, then chancellor of the exchequer, promised that they were imposed only for the period of the war.

The London clubmen who visited the United States who visited numerous clubs in New York and other American cities and were served with drinks morning, noon and night, and even in the early hours before dawn.

Men, too, are encouraged to help in the brighter London movement by wearing brighter ties. The old-fashioned notion of donning one's best clothes on rainy days has been "outlawed."

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