

PURCHASES INTEREST IN THEATERS

Ed Ford Sells Holdings to A. R. Bowen of Glendale, California

GIVES POSSESSION DECEMBER FIRST

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Will Move to Santa Ana, Where He Will Join His Father in Business.

A business transaction that included the sale of his interests in the Star and Arcade theatres to A. R. Bowen, of Glendale, Cal., and which was completed nearly a month ago, was announced today by Ed Ford, of the firm of Meyers and Ford, theatre proprietors here.

The deal, which included a half interest in the Arcade building, calls for possession by Mr. Bowen of the properties December 1. It was announced today by Meyers and Bowen, as the new firm will be known, that the present high policies of the theatres will remain unchanged and the same high type of stage productions and moving pictures will be presented to the movie and play-going public here.

Mr. Bowen, who is experienced in the show business, will make La Grande his home permanently. He and Mrs. Bowen are here now and have taken the Grandy home on O avenue. Mr. Bowen expresses a liking for La Grande and states that he makes this investment to provide a permanent business and home.

To Move to Santa Ana Mr. and Mrs. Ford, who have been in the theatre business in La Grande for the past 19 years, dispose of his interests in the Arcade and Star in order that they may go to Santa Ana, Cal., about the first of the year, where he will enter the road construction and contracting business with his father.

Mr. Ford is very appreciative of the patronage and support given the firm of Meyers and Ford here in the past and hopes it will be continued under the new management.

Mr. Bowen comes to La Grande after being out of the theatre work for the last year and a half. He was at one time owner of a Burley, Idaho theatre for two years and was in business also at Evanston, Wyo., for 15 years. He is possessed of a pleasing personality, un-

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ODD FELLOWS HOST TO MANY

With 54 visitors, their homes ranging from Oklahoma to Washington and south to California, present the local lodge of Odd Fellows passed through one of the most successful meetings of the year.

More than 100 were in attendance, 20 of them from Cove, whose degree team staged the third degree work.

Election of officers took place and Clifford E. Bragg was selected as noble grand; Henry McGoldrick, vice grand; F. R. Suddam, secretary, and H. E. Coolidge, treasurer.

Two 25-year jewels were presented to H. E. Coolidge and C. E. Merrill, given by F. S. Ivanhoe and David B. Stoddard.

Following the lodge session, those in attendance enjoyed a family feast.

La Grande To Have Own Light Opera Production

Intitulating the interests of the modestly inclined comes the announcement that La Grande is to have its own light opera production this season. Mrs. Jessie Hoskins, of Baker, will train the cast. Mr. Britz, director of the Portland Light Opera association for the past 14 years, will be here to conduct and finish the presentation.

No definite choice of an opera has been made, but it is likely that "The Time, The Place and the Girl" will be given.

Mrs. Hoskins demonstrated her merit as a conductor when she led the Monday Musical chorus through a successful season last year. She is a prominent vocal teacher, having taught in Baker for many years. At present she has classes

Defendants Acquitted In Wallowa

Judge Knowles Tries Several Criminal Cases at Enterprise During the Present Month.

Criminal cases with acquittals have featured Judge J. W. Knowles' term of circuit court in Wallowa county the past two and a half weeks. H. R. Hanna, court reporter, said this morning.

One that attracted considerable comment and interest was the case against Gus Dineen, of Portland, on a charge of driving while intoxicated, which required four days for trial.

Dineen, according to the charge, met Charles Zurcher of Enterprise on the highway between Enterprise and Joseph one night last August. After cursing him out for failing to dim his lights, he followed the Enterprise car and then turned and ran into it, wrecking both machines and injuring Zurcher's wife, daughter and friends who were with him.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant, who was represented by A. Fairchild of Enterprise. Max Wilson, district attorney, prosecuted the case.

Hartley, of Imnaha, sued the Wallowa county officers for damages on a conversion of his car, and won.

Some time ago Hartley had been arrested on a charge of possession of liquor found in his automobile. While waiting in confinement for his trial, he broke jail and escaped. And, while he was still a fugitive from justice, the officers started condemnation proceedings and confiscated his car on the grounds that it had been used in the transportation of liquor.

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ORGANIST WILL GIVE PROGRAM AT CLUB MEET

William Robinson Boone, of Portland, who is considered one of the most finished masters of the pipe organ on the Pacific coast, will be presented before the members of the Neighborhood club in a lecture-recital Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1, in the auditorium of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Boone's appearance marks the organ day program of the club year. The artist will play both solos and accompaniment, giving in each case a brief history and interpretation of the selection.

Music critics of both coasts have paid enviable tributes to Mr. Boone's mastery of the instrument, and his appearance in La Grande is eagerly anticipated. He is official organist in Portland for the First Church of Christ, Scientist, the Beth Israel temple, and the Scottish Rite commandery.

Benefit Program Pays For District's Piano

The recent benefit program given in behalf of the Lower Cove school and community proved a most successful. It is announced today by Miss Grace Hendrickson, teacher in district No. 2.

H. J. Hammer, of La Grande, sang several solos and following the entertainment features, baskets were sold. A total of \$121.95, which will be used to pay for a piano recently purchased, was realized.

Mrs. Mossman to Have Charge of Service

HOT LAKE (Special)—Mrs. E. J. Mossman of La Grande, is to have charge tomorrow of the Sunday evening service held regularly at the Hot Lake sanatorium. Mrs. Mossman, who is chairman of the department of the Women's Federated Clubs of Oregon and who is taking an active part in that work, is coming to the lake to display reproductions of famous paintings.

Church Offering Will Relieve City's Needy

A Thanksgiving offering of \$13.44, made by members of the fifth central denomination at the Union service Thursday morning at the English Lutheran church, will be administered in relief to the unfortunate of the city by the Ministerial association. It was announced last night by the Rev. G. A. Follard, pastor of the Baptist church. Quantities of potatoes, canned fruit and other foods that were donated at the same meeting will be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution to persons in immediate need.

BUS LINES CALLED. SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Because they failed to keep their accounts according to rules promulgated by the public service commission, representatives of 21 stage and transportation lines have been summoned Monday to show cause why their licenses to operate should not be revoked.

Fights Vice



If you aren't sure about the young man whom your daughter would marry, you can find out about him through Dr. Mark A. Matthews' "virtue bureau"—that is, if you live in Seattle. "Fight organized vice with organized virtue" is the slogan of Dr. Matthews' incorporated company. He is pastor of the First Presbyterian church and a well known fighter in politics. As a part of his service the bureau recently gave the parents of an engaged girl upon request, a lengthy report on the young man in question. The engagement was broken.

LOCAL WOMAN ROUTS ROBBER

Miss Marjorie Silverthorn, librarian at Reed college in Portland, who battled and routed a burglar, who leaped through a window of her room at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Silverthorn of this city. Miss Silverthorn called her daughter over the telephone last night just as soon as she heard of the burglary. Miss Silverthorn is all right except for nervousness, a bruise on one arm, where the man took hold of her and a hoarse neck, caused when he gripped her throat to prevent her from screaming. She managed to break the grip from her throat and scream, which sent the man out of the window, by which he had come, with nothing to show for his trouble except some scratches.

Miss Silverthorn lives in house A. of the Reed dormitory. Most of the other occupants of the house were home for the Thanksgiving holiday, including her assistant librarian, whose room was next door to hers. She is a graduate of the school and has been librarian for several years.

Services Held for Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton

Funeral rites for Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hamilton, La Grande residents whose deaths followed each other within an interval of 48 hours as a result of their tragic accident on the highway near Hilgard Monday evening, were conducted at the Holmenkapel chapel at 5 o'clock last evening. The Rev. W. C. Ross, Presbyterian pastor, officiating. The ladies auxiliary to the R. of B. T. was in charge. Although there were no relatives to be present, the friends of the couple filled the chapel to capacity.

Mr. Ross preached a short sermon, preceded by a vocal number offered by Mrs. Jack Hilt. The bodies were then sent to Beckwithe's. Mrs. Hamilton's funeral will be made, Lee Hanford, a member of the O. R. C., with which Mr. Hamilton was affiliated, as an O. W. R. & N. conductor, accompanied them.

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COURT TERM CONTINUES DECEMBER 7

Three Criminal Cases Included in Adjourned Session Docket

DELANEY ON TRIAL ON OPENING DAY

Cove Man Will Be Defended by Henry Hess; Two Civil Cases Complete Court List.

A kidnaping, a statutory offense and possession of a still constitute the criminal charges in three cases of the five that have been included on the calendar for an adjourned session of the circuit court, beginning at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning, Dec. 7. Two civil suits complete the docket as it now stands.

Allan Delaney, of Cove, is the defendant in the opening case, prosecuted by Carl Helm, district attorney. Henry Hess, of Green & Hess, will be counsel for the defense in this and the two other criminal cases.

George Carlton, against whom the state recently lost a justice court case charging possession of a still, will be tried in company with John Graham for possession of a still. Their case is set for Tuesday at 9 a. m.

J. Guy Miller, et al. will be sued for recovery on a note held by the United States National bank Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 9 a. m. The bank now has attachments on a quantity of both real and personal property belonging to the Miller family. Cochran and Eberhard represent the plaintiff. The defendant's lawyer is John S. Hodgkin.

George Wilson is charged with the kidnaping of a girl under the age of 18 with intent to detain her. His trial, to be prosecuted by the district attorney, is set for Thursday, Dec. 10. Green and Hess will defend him.

Bowman-Hicks Lumber company brings suit against C. H. Finn for the recovery of \$268.75, on a contract involving the manufacture of some apple boxes. (Continued on Page Five.)

RECOVERY OF TRIO IS SEEN

Victor and Ada Weston and their cousin, Miss Emma Dill—victims of the week's second highway accident to send a car over the 100-foot grade through a gap in the guard fence a mile west of Hilgard—are all in good condition today, and appear to be in a fair way to recover, their physician, Dr. A. L. Richardson, said today.

Both of the victims of first to indicate possible internal injuries in the case of Miss Dill has cleared up today, and probably was a result of her exposure. Miss Dill walked three and a half miles for help after the accident, and was both cold and exhausted when she reached the N. K. West ranch, from which a call for medical attention was dispatched.

The parents of the young people are keeping in constant touch with them from Portland, but will not arrive here until the victims are able to be moved. They have oil-

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"Nothing To Compare With It"

One of the business women of La Grande was solicited recently for an advertising scheme, but turned down the advertiser so hard that it took his breath away. She informed him that there was no method of advertising in the La Grande territory that could compare with The Observer—that The Observer reached more people for less money than any other method.

She had investigated Observer circulation and had compared it dollar for dollar with other means of reaching the public. She says that with only a small amount of advertising money to spend she must be sure that it is spent right.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Fire Calls Send Rebels To Rasheiya

Important Engagement in Syria Is Expected Between French and the Druse Tribesmen.

HERZUT, Syria. (By the Associated Press)—Rebel Druse tribesmen are sending fire signals from various high hills in the region of Tashyia, and are flocking down the mountainsides from their villages to reinforce the main bands preparatory to further anticipated attacks by the French forces. The Druses desire to wipe out the defense administered to them by the French recently in Balka valley and Rasheiya.

The French, in an official communication, admit they expect another important operation. Bands on Rampage.

Around Homs, in northern Syria, bandits have struck terror in the hearts of the populace.

To meet the situation there French reinforcements from Tripoli are carrying out a forced march as the railway line between Homs and Pas Raheik has been cut.

Christians at Homs are seeking asylum at the foreign mission or are in flight toward the coast.

French reinforcements have arrived here.

MRS. TINNEY WINS CUSTODY OF TOT AND \$200 ALIMONY

MINEOLA, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—A decree granting a divorce to Mrs. Frank Tinney, wife of the blackface comedian, was handed down today.

Mrs. Tinney was awarded custody of their son and \$200 a week alimony.

The Tinneys announced they had buried their marital troubles and would appear together in vaudeville.

Mrs. Tinney said she "wouldn't be surprised" if they married again within a year.

Tacoma Man to Speak At Commerce Luncheon

I. H. Rice, of Tacoma, the exhibition commissioner for the Pacific Northwest Commercial and Industrial exposition, which is scheduled for Madison Square gardens from May 10 to 28, 1926, will address the Tacoma noon meeting of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Rice is to explain the purpose of the exposition, hoping to enlist local interest in the establishment of an exhibit there.

Frank B. Appleby, chairman of the publicity committee, will preside over the program.

General Kuo's Army Occupies Shanhaikwan

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—General Kuo Sung Lien, former supporter of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian leader, has established headquarters at Chin Wang Tao, on the Chihai coast, while his forces have secured Shanhaikwan, a short distance to the northeast, on the railway, and a battle is expected near Shanhaikwan.

Impachment Talk Is Heard in Austin, Tex.

AUSTIN, Tex. (By the Associated Press)—The fact that the governor of Texas is a woman would not cause the state legislature to hesitate in impeachment proceedings, if evidence is sufficient, Leo Sauters, speaker of the house, stated here. He was discussing the agitation for a special session of the general assembly which the governor has been requested to call and which, if she fails to issue the call, the speaker has been asked to summon.

Queen Mother Taken to Final Resting Place

WINDSOR, England (By the Associated Press)—England's queen mother was brought home to rest among the tombs of the kings at Windsor today.

While London slept, Westminster body was taken from Alexandra's abode, where funeral services were held yesterday, and conveyed by motor hearse to this, most beautiful of all royal castles in England. At 11:30 a simple private service was held with the royal family present.

Sues For \$501,500



Feggy Udell, Hollywood movie actress and former Ziegfeld Follies girl, who has sued for \$501,500 against B. P. Fineman, general manager of the F. B. O. Studios in Hollywood, Miss Udell charges two attempts of criminal attack and false imprisonment. Fineman declares it is a blackmail scheme.

ARMY RELIES ON RADIO NET

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Disclosure that the "war department radio net" linking up the nine corps areas and the department in a communication system operated exclusively by military personnel originated in 1922 as a feature of "plans to insure communication with corps area headquarters and certain critical cities in case of failure or destruction of the commercial wire system" is contained in the annual report of Major Gen. C. M. McK. Saitzman, chief signal officer of the army.

The net was established three years ago, the report said, and it has since been employed "to excellent advantage in the training of signal corps personnel" in addition to handling a heavy burden of departmental telegraphic business theretofore entrusted to commercial companies.

General Saitzman estimated that while the original five stations of the net transmitted about 59,000 messages daily, each numbering about 46 words, the present system of 12 major stations and 69 subsidiary points handled approximately 800 messages a day.

The rapid growth of traffic was said to have been brought about by the chief coordinator, in an endeavor to "consolidate government communication activities in order to eliminate duplication of effort and carry out the entrenchment policy of the president."

In addition to handling its own, the war department transmits the business of more than 12 other government departments and bureaus, and in cooperation with the navy which handles all off-shore radio business, as the army handles in-shore messages even for the navy, a system has been established, General Saitzman said, fully capable to handle and supply.

Episcopalians Will Observe Anniversary

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Men and boys of the Episcopal church throughout the world tomorrow will observe the 42nd anniversary of the founding of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

All chapters of the organization hold corporate communion service and the day is of special interest this year because it is the date of birth of the late James I. Houghteling, of Chicago, founder of the order.

Forty-two years ago, at St. James church, Chicago, 12 young men banded together under the leadership of Mr. Houghteling, for the purpose of spreading Christianity and bringing men and boys into the church. The brotherhood now has chapters throughout the United States, in Canada, England, Scotland, the West Indies, the Canal Zone, Australia, Ireland, China and Japan.

A reminder of the occasion was broadcast today from radio stations at Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Boston.

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They Wrote to Police. ROSEBURG, Ore.—A carefully printed government postal card received by Chief of Police Ketch guided the officers to a stolen, abandoned automobile.

The card, mailed from the southern train somewhere between Jilhard and Ashland, read: "By the broadcast of the Ballard-Empeus bridge stands a little tin god on wheels, tag 15-52. A man, when he has to, steals. (Signed) Ashland Ex."

A. BRIAND PICKS NEW MINISTRY

French Politician Takes President's Charge for the Eighth Time

SAFEST ELEMENTS ARE REPRESENTED

Cabinet Includes No Communists, Nationalists; Financial Circle Interested.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Aristide Briand officially announced the formation and personnel of his eighth ministry today.

The new cabinet, although falling short of great concentration of all parties hoped for in many quarters to face the precarious financial situation, is composed of the safest elements in parliament, and is the most moderate body of ministers assembled since the May elections, 1924. Complete elimination of extremists—both communists and nationalists—is one feature.

Acceptance of the finance portfolio by Louis Loucheur has aroused intense interest in financial circles. Loucheur is known to be a man of daring finance and economic conceptions. His activities as France's cashier will be watched with great attention.

ARMY WOLVES NAVY

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The Army torpedoes the Navy's griddon craft today and won the annual series battle, 10 to 8, before a notable crowd of 45,000. The Navy scored a deep kick from the 12-yard line in the second period after the middles had twice stopped extra drives. The West Pointers came back with a spectacular rush to tally a touchdown on a forward pass in the same period. The Army made a field goal on the first play in the fourth period.

KELLEY IN HOSPITAL

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Lieut. Oakley G. Kelley, army aviator who figured in several notable transcontinental flights, is in a hospital here suffering from blood poisoning resulting from a cut in the leg inflicted by an axe.

HOMES WRECKED

PEKING (AP)—Homes of seven government officials were wholly or partially wrecked tonight by a mob of 1500 persons, said to include red elements, adherents of the peoples party, students and hoodlums.

PIERCE UNDECIDED

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Governor Pierce said today he will not reach a decision before tonight as to whether Allen MacLaren, Portland youth sentenced to the state penitentiary for a statutory crime, will receive further clemency. W. O. McClaren, the boy's father, who resigned from the state prison parole board, because of his son's trouble, will make a personal appeal to the governor today.

OHIO FARMER SETS RECORD

COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—An Ohio farmer again has broken the world's record in corn production. Ira Marshall of Dola, Hardin county, this year produced 1600.1 bushels of corn on 10 acres, or 160.01 bushels an acre, it was announced Friday by the agricultural extension department of Ohio State university.

That is 25.7 bushels an acre above the world's record, established in 1924 by W. H. Gilmora of Licking county, with a yield of 1343.1 bushels of corn on 10 acres. The state's average corn production never has been higher than 42.4 bushels an acre.

PLANS ABANDONED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The navy has decided to abandon tentative plans it had drawn for annual maneuvers on a large scale next year off the west coast of South America.

Little French Girls Do Not Bob--But Mama Does

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Although their mothers go "blondless tulleights" held in the Roman arena in Paris recently for the benefit of wounded soldiers in Morocco and Syria, all the Spanish American colony in Paris attended the bull fights and many of the women went in costume, hanging their shawls over the box fronts. The yogue has now spread to the theatres on the boulevards which are beginning to resemble bull rings themselves, with gorgeously colored Spanish shawls suspended from the dress circle almost every evening.

LONDON (AP)—Always on the lookout for novelty in fashions, London's feminine population seems to be pleased by the revival of a Victorian mode. This is the wearing of mittens instead of long sleeved gloves.

Women already have adopted mittens for theatre going, and the absence of gloved fingers tips makes the handling of cigarette tips less risky than formerly. The modern mittens are made of flimsy lace or silk, in tints that harmonize with the wearer's gown. Many of the more expensive pairs of gold or silver thread.

Many French girls celebrate their arrival at crown age by bobbing or singling their hair. Once the locks are off, however, they regard fashion with suspicion, watching each fluctuation toward long hair styles.

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