

FIRST LOG SAWED BY MILL HERE

Mt. Emily Timber Company Preparing Plant for Formal Opening

MACHINERY TESTS STILL UNDER WAY

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Continuous progress in preparations for the formal opening of the Mt. Emily timber company saw-mill in La Grande is being made at the plant, it is announced by August J. Stanke today.

The first log was sawed in the mill Monday and the big whetstone, which was tuned in several days ago, is heard regularly this week. A steady but careful advancement in the testing of the machinery is now being made. It is expected that one side will begin a steady run tomorrow morning and later, the other units will be started.

The opening of the mill will probably not take place until after the first of January, according to present plans. By that time, the machinery will be thoroughly tested and made ready for continuous work.

LAST PRACTICE THIS EVENING

In anticipation of tonight's dress rehearsal for the annual high school opera, "The Belle of Barcelona," which will be given at the auditorium Friday and Saturday evenings, members of the cast have shaken the costumes from their wrappings and found them not only satisfactory but inspiring.

The chorus was allowed to view the character parts last night, and expressed their approval in laughter and applause. Jack Coedige, as the ruddy-haired Irishman, and Edna Hally, as the English governess, delight in the whole production with comedy plays.

One of the most promising numbers on the operetta is the duet, "Symphonic Moon," that will be sung by Daisy Robbs and Edward Buchanan, who play the leading roles.

Tomorrow at 8:15 a. m., the reservations board at the Glass Drug store will be open to exchange tickets for reserved seat coupons. A few tickets will be placed on sale there to accommodate date persons who have not been interviewed by the high school students.

Second Snowfall of Season Visits City

La Grande and surrounding territory experienced the second snowfall of the season this morning. The flakes, small in size, began falling before eight o'clock and by nine, the snow began melting as rapidly as it descended.

Another snow flurry occurred here shortly after noon.

The highway patrolman at Meacham reports an inch of snow, with the weather moderate. The fall there ceased at nine o'clock.

Grade School Gymnasium Discussed By Hi-Dads

The possibility of providing a gymnasium for the use of the grade school boys of La Grande this winter was discussed at a meeting of the Hi-Dads in the office of the La Grande Investment company last night, and on recommendation of the members present, Dr. W. P. McAdory, president, appointed A. W. Nelson and R. F. Himmelfelt to confer with J. T. Longfellow, superintendent, and make investigation of available locations.

If the plan succeeds, the younger boys of the city will have a place of their own for games and athletics. Teams will be organized and gymnastic instruction given under the direction of volunteer leaders endorsed by the Hi-Dads.

Chloroform Eases Pain In His Head

Benton Hastings, War Veteran, of Spokane, Is Held in County Jail Pending Developments.

Freely admitting that in the last 30 days he had consumed two ounces of chloroform as a sleep producer, Benton Hastings slumped in his chair at the sheriff's office this morning and blurted out the fragments of his story—a story that began with a police ambulance wreck, supposed to have dislocated vertebrae in Hastings' neck at Tacoma, Wash., in 1921, and led through hospital and asylum experiences to his escape from the Medical Lake sanatorium at Spokane a few months ago and his ultimate commitment to the county jail in La Grande.

Hastings was first noticed by the officers here when he applied for a free bed about a week ago. After he left the next morning, three small chloroform bottles were discovered in the cell. He was arrested last night with another vial of the drug in his pockets when he crept into a pool hall and asked to lie down by the stove.

World War Veteran. At first he gave the name Frank King, but at the close of a long questioning by the sheriff and others this morning he said King was the name under which he served in the Canadian army during the war, that his real name was Benton Hastings, and that his mother lives in Spokane.

He would rather go back to Spokane asylum where he had a little freedom than stay in jail, he said bluntly. Keeping still makes the pain in his head worse. And when the pain starts, he can't sleep. When he can't sleep, he breathes chloroform. And when he takes chloroform he gets so much worse that he has to take more chloroform to forget it.

Will Return Hastings. The sheriff will communicate with the authorities at Medical Lake, and if possible, Hastings will be returned there.

Meanwhile he chewed his nails to the quick and stared at a sore on his fingers. There are many tattoo marks on his arms, and an inscription that reads: "Coffee, Dance, Powell and Ellis, San Francisco."

Poultrymen to Meet With County Agent. The meeting of the members of the Union county co-operative poultrymen's association, scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, will be held in the county agent's office in the post office building.

Arrangements for the distribution of a carload of feed, which will arrive the last of the week, will be the main feature of the meeting.

Special Holiday Rates Announced by Railroad. Effective December 15-21, inclusive, and December 28-31, the P. & N. company will sell Christmas holiday tickets to all points in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho at one and one-half local fares. J. H. Koenig announces today.

Tickets to points on the Southern Pacific, Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway, and the Oregon Electric railway to points in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho will be one and one-half local fare to destinations and return. No stopovers will be allowed. Final limit is midnight of January 4. Tickets must be used on date of sale.

For further information, Mr. Koenig states that those interested may call at the ticket office here.

Rice Is Guest of Phy At Hot Lake Program

HOT LAKE, (Special)—Following the chamber of commerce meeting in La Grande where he was the principal speaker yesterday noon, Roy H. Rice came to Hot Lake where he spent the night as guest of Dr. W. T. Phy. Both Dr. Phy and Mr. H. H. McCarthy also of the Sanatorium staff had known Mr. Rice in Spokane.

Mr. Rice was the main speaker when a program was held in the Sanatorium assembly hall last night. He told something of the purpose of the Pacific Northwest Commercial and Industrial Exposition to be held in the New Madison Square Gardens in New York next May. It is the interests of this exposition that Mr. Rice is now touring the west.

Others numbers on the program included a group of songs by E. A. Nord, a solo by James Truitt, and a short talk by A. J. Weston, Olympia, Wash. business man. Dr. Phy entertained at dinner for Mr. Rice, previous to the program. At that time guests were: Dr. McCarthy, Mr. Weston, George Simpson and L. J. Wakefield, of Elma, Wash.; John Tall, Astoria and Neil Boyle, of Blackfoot, Idaho.

Indian Gets Jail Sentence. KIAMATH, PAI, O. C.—Dad Riddle, son of a pioneer and widely known member of the Klamath tribe of Indians, today was sentenced to 30 days in jail for assaulting a young woman in Beatty last week. The young Indian pleaded guilty to the charge.

Campus Cut



Leave it to the collegians to think of something new! At the University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore., the girls are wearing sweaters with gay scenes painted on the back. This co-ed maintains that the scene on the back of hers represents the spirit of the campus.

TRAIN WRECKS ROCK CRUSHER

Construction on the Old Oregon Trail highway between North Powder and Baker has been delayed for a short time because of an accident at the rock crusher near North Powder Monday, the highway department reported this morning. Gravel bunkers at the rock crusher are built over the railway side track, so that the gravel may be easily loaded to the cars. The bunkers are only high enough to admit a coal car and the track is built on a downward grade to the crusher. When the cars were backed under the bunkers Monday the train didn't stop as usual and it should have and an oil tank tried to go under the bunkers, resulting in a badly wrecked rock crusher, the highway officials say. No one was hurt.

A. D. Koenig and company has charge of the construction.

COUNTY BUDGET HEARING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 4

Eighteen trials in the justice of peace court are among the items of expense that are being considered by the county court, which convened in regular two-day session at the office of Judge U. G. Couch this morning.

On Friday, remonstrances on the proposed county budget will be heard. Any taxpayer in the county is entitled to appear before the committee to make objections to all or any part of the budget, or to ask for an increase in any appropriation, the judge said this morning.

Labine Is Again in Jail

Charles La Bine was arraigned before Judge Hugh E. Brady this morning on a charge of illegal possession of liquor, and given until Saturday at 9 a. m. to prepare his plea. Bonds of \$200 were required for his release.

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Jack La Bine was found guilty of possession by a jury of five that tried his case in the justice court last week. A justice court jury brought in an acquittal for Charles La Bine in the case charging him with sale of whiskey the day before.

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WORK URGES CHANGES IN U. S. POLICY

Secretary Favors Timber Land Protection, Reclamation Revision

GUARD AIR UNITS NEED MORE FUNDS

Divorce of Militia Bureau of War Department from General Staff Recommended.

National guard air service units not suitably equipped because of lack of funds. Major General Rickards recommends divorce of militia bureau of war department from general staff control.

Secretary Work recommends protection of U. S. timber lands, revision of reclamation policy, and study by congress of the Alaskan problem.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Lack of funds has prevented the National Guard air service units from obtaining suitable equipment during the last fiscal year, Major General George C. Rickards informed Secretary Davis of the war department in his annual report for the 1924-25 year, as head of the militia bureau.

"The equipment in use is present is obsolete and unsuitable for the work the national guard air service is called upon to perform," the report said. "It is deteriorating rapidly and in a very short time will be unsafe for flying purposes."

"Under these conditions it is considered essential that funds be provided for suitable airplanes and equipment."

General Rickards said three years of guard air service work had "proven its value" as a peace-time element of the state forces.

"The state of efficiency which has been reached in training indicates," he added, "the position that it has taken as a reserve air force available for use in case of an emergency."

A survey of the guard air camps last summer disclosed "the efficiency of the units."

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Ship's Fate Is Unknown; No Messages

U. S. Shipping Board Freighter West Orowa, 2,000 Miles Off Coast, Is in Distress.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—The fate of the United States shipping board freighter West Orowa, reported rudderless and helpless in wireless dispatches received last night, was in doubt today.

The craft is more than 2,000 miles off shore, bound from Portland to Japan. She lost her rudder in heavy seas.

At 4 a. m. today, the usual time for wireless communication with the Federal Telegraph company operator, she failed to respond to wireless calls.

CREW IS SAVED. WESTPORT, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—All remaining members of the crew of the ill-fated freighter Orowa were removed from the wreck by means of the breeches buoy Tuesday night and are being brought to Westport on the coast guard cutter.

"MA'S" VIEW OF HIGHWAY TANGLE IS MADE CLEAR. AUSTIN, Tex. (By the Associated Press)—A statement was issued today by James E. Ferguson, husband of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, giving the governor's side of the Texas highway situation.

Japanese Royalty Goes Home

Prince and Princess Asaka, related to the emperor of Japan, go home after visiting America. The royal pair are seen on deck just before their ship left San Francisco.



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PULLMAN, Wash. (AP)—In the face of official disapproval plans went forward today for a "walkout" of the student body of Washington State college this afternoon in celebration of the Cougars' football victory over Southern California last Saturday.

DAYES ON WAY EAST. CHICAGO (AP)—Vice President Dayes departed for Washington today to preside over the senate at the new session. He is firm in his intention to continue his campaign for a revision of senate rules.

WASHINGTON INQUIRIES. WASHINGTON (AP)—Renewed inquiry has been made by the state department of Governor Foye, of Oregon, as to the progress being made in the settlement of a case arising out of the deportation of Japanese from Toledo, Ore.

9 1/2-FOOT COUGAR KILLED. OREGON CITY, Ore.—A monster male cougar, measuring nine and one-half feet from hip to tip, and weighing 170 pounds, was brought here by Theodore Kopper of Welches, near Mount Hood. Kopper shot the animal Saturday while hunting. The animal had a fight with a porcupine just before Kopper shot it and its face was pierced with the porcupine needles, which the cougar was trying to extract with its claws when Kopper stepped. A female cougar was close by at the time, but escaped.

IRISH BOUNDARY COMMISSION POSTPONES REPORT. LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The Irish boundary commission has agreed to postpone issuance of its report, Premier Baldwin announced today before the House of Commons.

Rumania Debt Board Accepts U. S. Offer. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The Rumanian debt commission has accepted the American offer for funding their government's debts to the United States and the terms have been submitted to President Coolidge for his approval.

COLLEGE ACADEMIC SCORES. OREGON'S AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis.—First place in the better scoring contest at the regular monthly meeting of the North Pacific Co-operative Creamery association at Mount Angel Tuesday was won by samples from the Oregon Agricultural college creamery. States samples, submitted from the college creamery, scored 84.25.

WITCHER EXTRADITION GRANTED. Salem, Ore.—Governor Pierre signed papers authorizing the extradition of Charles Witcher, who escaped recently from the penitentiary at San Quentin. Witcher is under arrest at Roseburg. An officer from California left here for Roseburg in quest of the prisoner.

DENTISTS FACE LIQUOR CHARGE. HOOD RIVER, Ore.—Justice of the Peace Elmer Bond warrants for Dr. S. L. Peterson, local dentist, and Dr. H. W. Leavitt, Portland dentist, charged with drinking and possession of liquor.

Madrid Reports Major Ministerial Crisis Near

BRAND WINS PARTIAL VICTORY IN CHAMBER. PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Premier Briand, although coolly received when he read the declaration of the new ministry's policy before the chamber of deputies today, won a partial victory by inducing the chamber to change its methods of procedure and consider the proposed increase of business and a half billion francs in monetary circulation before discussing the interpellations.

Wheat Climbs to New Peak

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—All deliveries of wheat brought today to the highest point of the season.

December wheat touched \$1.75, showing an overnight gain of four and three-eighths cents.

MADRID REPORTS MAJOR MINISTERIAL CRISIS NEAR. MADRID, Spain.—Information reaching here from Madrid says a "complete ministerial crisis is imminent."

Rebels Move on Damascus

DAMASCUS (By the Associated Press)—Members of the consular corps here have notified nationals of their respective countries that it might be necessary for the French to again bombard certain quarters of the city, as they did in suppressing a recent riotous demonstration. The American consul today warned American residents to keep off the streets after 6 o'clock in the evening. Fanatical feeling is running higher than before the uprising last October.

92 New Faces To Appear In Legislative Chambers. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Deaths, voluntary retirements and the voters' recall have wrought many changes in the personnel of congress since the last session began a year ago.

The year has seen the passing of 92 members of the house and senate, and when the gavel falls at noon next Monday there will be 24 new faces in the house and 14 in the senate.

Deaths have ended the careers of five members of the senate, two of them outstanding characters—Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, veteran of many historic forensic battles, and Samuel M. Houston of Indiana, one of the very few men to refuse a presidential nomination of a major political party. Other senators who have died are Modell McCormick of Illinois; Selden P. Spencer of Missouri and Edwin P. Ladd of North Dakota.

Of the six house members who have answered the last earthly call, two were stalwarts, Julius Kahn, republican, California, and Robert Y. Thomas, democrat, Kentucky. Death called also T. Frank Appleby, of New Jersey; John Joseph Rogers of Massachusetts; Arthur E. Williams of Michigan and George H. Churchill of Massachusetts.

The wives of two of the dead members and the sons of two others have been elected to succeed them. Robert M. La Follette, the youngest man elected to the senate in more than half a century, will take the place so long held by his Mrs. Edith N. Rogers. They will succeed his father in the senate.

Mrs. Florence Kahn has been elected to her husband's seat as his Mrs. Nourse Rogers. She will with Mrs. Norton, of New Jersey will make up the women membership in the senate with Mrs. Kahn of New York, with Mrs. Republican side, and Miss Norton on the democratic side of the aisle.

Outstanding figures in the senate retired by the will of the voters include Magnus Johnson, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite; Thomas Sterling of South Dakota, an ardent dry leader; A. Owsley Stanley of Kentucky, a leader of the senate, and David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, a leader among the democrats.

Among the new senators who come to their offices with far flung reputations are Coleman A. Blease, former governor of South Carolina; Frederick H. Gillette of Massachusetts, for many years speaker of the house; Thomas D. Schall, who succeeds Magnus Johnson after years of service in the house, and W. H. McMaster, democrat, of South Dakota.

Bodley Gillette and Schall, the house has just other members who had high places for themselves. They include John C. McKenzie, of Illinois; Everett Sanders, who retired to become President Coolidge's secretary; Samuel E. Winchell, of Massachusetts; Sydney Ayer, a member of the senate, long a leader of the Farm Bloc; Homer E. Snyder of New York; Isaac R. Sherwood, of Ohio; and James E. Byrnes, of South Carolina.

LEONARD'S ATTORNEY GIVES CASE

Mills Starts Summation of Evidence Before Trial Jury. ADDRESS TO LAST A DAY AND A HALF. In a Burst of Oratory, Counsel of Plaintiff in Annulment Suit Gives Racial Angle.



WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Isaac N. Mills, chief counsel for Leonard Kip Rhinelander, who is suing his wife, Alice Jones, for annulment of their marriage, today began his summation of evidence for the plaintiff.

In almost the first words of his burst of oratory, which he indicated would last a day and a half, the attorney appealed to the jury on the basis of racial distinction.

"Leonard will have a verdict for the plaintiff as a prisoner on the steps of the scaffold holds a pardon from the governor," Mills declared.

Mills asserted there is a third party at interest in every matrimonial venture and that that party is the public.

He asked the jury to be guided by consideration of the effects which their verdict will have.

Mills attacked Philip Rhinelander, Leonard's wealthy father, for his neglect of his son. He asserted the elder Rhinelander is "more to blame for the foot position this young man has brought himself in to than the young man himself."

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