

UNION HIGH SCHOOL IS ADVOCATED

Committee Circulates a Letter Pointing Out Advantages

IMBLER WOULD BE SITE OF BUILDING

Questions Brought Up in Opposition Answered in the Communication to Voters.

Agitation for a union high school located at Imbler continues.

A committee of interested citizens, headed by Mr. J. H. Imbler, yesterday mailed a letter to the voters in the district, explaining the advantages such an institution would bring, and also answering several questions bearing upon the proposed school.

Members of the committee are as follows: W. R. Ledbetter, C. H. Tattle, James D. Woodell, H. H. Horan, Frank McKennon, Duncan McDonald, Glenn Woodell, W. J. Case, A. C. Glenn, Claude Hale, C. C. Welch and Ray Wilson.

The letter follows: It is the aim of this letter to give general information over the names of responsible parties in regard to the proposed union high school and misleading propaganda spread by opponents of the measure.

On all questions of law the section and page upon which you may find the point referred to in the official pamphlet of the Oregon State School Board of 1925, will be designated.

In case you wish to consult competent lawyers on any point involved, the following lawyers or law firms have volunteered to show the law to all of those interested on either side without charge: District Attorney Carl Helm, Cochran & Eberhard, Green & Hoak, John Hodgkin, Ringo & ...

BRIDGE SITE IS SELECTED

After selecting a site for a new bridge across Snake river, assisted by J. Woods, highway division engineer of Idaho, and Mr. Kyle, bridge engineer of Idaho, H. G. Smith, engineer of this division for the state of Oregon, with offices here, has selected a site at Ballard's Landing, about two miles north of Homestead, work will start on the bridge as soon as the plans can be made, which will probably not be before spring.

It is estimated that the bridge will cost about \$60,000, to be paid for by the state of Idaho, the state of Oregon, Baker county and the Red Lodge Mining company. The state of Oregon has voted to pay \$12,500 of this amount, the state of Idaho, \$25,000, Baker county, \$25,000, and the Red Lodge Mining company, the remainder of the costs. The mining company has guaranteed to pay any amount over \$50,000 that the bridge might cost in building.

Mr. Smith reports that the grading of the 30-mile section, between Unity and Brookham, on the John Day highway is nearly completed.

George Wilson Facing Year In Penitentiary

George Wilson—convicted in the circuit court Thursday of the crime of child stealing—will be sentenced to the state's penitentiary at Salem, there to take up his abode for a maximum term of one year. He will be accompanied to the prison by Jesse Beahrs, county sheriff.

Judge J. W. Knowles pronounced minimum sentence upon Wilson at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Imprisonment up to 25 years was provided for in the law under which he was convicted. Up until noon today, no word had come to the prisoner from his common law wife, May Wilson, who escaped from La Grande to Portland with Little Bushnell shortly after the girl had been induced to leave home the night of September 26. Little has since been married to James Castello.

Art Contest To Be Held In Schools

Movement Is Sponsored by Neighborhood Club Members and Other Interested Citizens.

One of the most inclusive educational movements to operate in La Grande in several years is the city-wide art contest that is being sponsored in the schools by a group of art lovers under the leadership of the Neighborhood club.

Every schoolroom in the city is bustling with excitement over the coming competition, and every home from which children are enrolled in school is alive to the importance of the occasion. Substantial prizes—prizes that approach in value the rewards for which the artists strive when they first hang their pictures on the walls of the exhibition hall—have been offered by individuals and organizations interested in stimulating La Grande's natural talent in art.

With a desire to assure fairness in the competition the contest in the grade schools has been divided into four divisions: one for the total of first and second grade; another for the third and fourth graders; a third for the children of fifth and sixth grades, and a fourth for the seventh and eighth grade pupils.

\$10 Prizes Offered For each of the four group winners, there will be a \$10-dollar prize. The donors are Dr. E. V. Mossman, Dr. Roy Murphy, Frank R. Appleby and the P. E. O. society.

Second prizes will be large boxes of colored crayons and pencils such as are used by the schools of New York City, the donation having been made by the National Crayon company.

One hundred dollars in prizes has been provided for the winners.

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Laundry Spending \$2000 On Additional Equipment

The Standard laundry, according to L. H. Moe, is spending approximately \$2,000 at present in installing additional equipment to its dry cleaning plant. The Glover system of purification is being put in. This provides for the purifying of gasoline or distillate continuously and delivers to the cleaning machines 100 per cent cleaning and solvent at all times. A new 1,000-gallon tank has been installed in the basement and other apparatus will be in readiness for use by Monday.

Mr. Moe states that this additional equipment will enable the laundry to turn out work of the highest order.

Forum to Discuss The Spread of Christianity

"The Spread of Christianity" will be the topic before the Men's Forum at the Methodist church tomorrow.

E. D. Towler, leader, has invited the public to attend the program which will begin at 8:45 a. m.

Eagles' Drill Team Initiates Baker Class

State President O. K. Lee of the Order of Eagles was present Thursday night when the local lodge met in regular session at Eagles hall with a large attendance. The new drill team put on the initiation work for the first time since their election, after which Mr. Lee gave an excellent address descriptive of the organization.

The local drill team and officers, accompanied by Mr. Lee, went to Baker last evening where they met with the Baker lodge. The drill team initiated a large class for the Baker order.

J. H. STEVENS, 75, PASSES ON AT LAKE

Death Calls Man Who First Saw Grande Ronde Valley 70 Years Ago

FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD HERE

Pioneer Resident of La Grande Will Be Laid to Rest in I. O. O. F. Cemetery Sunday.

Death struck deeply into the hearts of the pioneer and modern citizenry of La Grande last night when it removed J. H. Stevens, whose residence in the Grande Ronde valley reached back 75 years, to the Great Beyond. He answered the final call at Hot Lake at 7 p. m. yesterday and with his passing, the honor and distinction of being the first living white man to view the Grande Ronde valley is transferred onto other shoulders.

Mr. Stevens will be laid to rest Sunday afternoon in the Odd Fellows' cemetery following funeral services at 2 o'clock in the Episcopal church, of which he was a member for more than half a century. The body will be in state at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary prior to the services.

Death was caused by pulmonary edema, according to the records of physicians and surgeons who cared for him during his last illness. Although in poor health for several years, Mr. Stevens did not become seriously ill until last October, when he was removed to the sanatorium. Constant and expert care could not stay off the end, however, and his condition became gradually worse until he

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MARKET PLAN ADOPTED HERE

W. A. Steward, secretary of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, of Baker, was in La Grande yesterday, where he met with a number of Union county cattlemen at the county agent's office to explain a cattle marketing plan, which will control the price of beef at the Portland market. The idea is to control the number of cattle shipped into the market and in this way keep the price of beef up.

H. G. Avery, county agent, will receive a wire every Tuesday morning from the state association advising how many cattle should be shipped out on the following Saturday from this county. The county agent, in turn, will advise the stockmen.

This county does not produce an ample beef cattle as some other counties of the state so the market report service was never started here before. The association was formed early this fall and is financed by a voluntary 10-cent assessment for each head of cattle sold.

Robert Eakin Speaker For Tuesday's Meeting

Robert Eakin will address the chamber of commerce members at the luncheon meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday noon, using as his subject, "The World Court." E. J. Meyers will act as chairman of the program.

Business to be transacted includes the hearing of reports from delegates to the meeting of county representatives Friday to discuss the proposed exhibit to a Northwest exposition in New York City.

Actors Hurt When Stage Collapses

Near Tragedy Ends Second Performance of a Musical Play in Wilmington, Delaware.

WILMINGTON, Del. (By the Associated Press)—A near tragedy last night closed the second performance of "The Song of the Flame," a musical play produced by Arthur Hammerstein here, when an eight-inch channel iron supporting a number of drops buckled, allowing the scenery to sag, and showering the stage and performers with brick, molar and plaster torn from the walls.

While many of the actors were injured, only eleven required medical attention. Madam Chereko suffered a slight concussion of the brain, but her condition is not serious.

When the accident occurred, the director ordered the front curtain lowered and sent Dorothy Mackaye, of the American ballet, to the footlights.

Miss Mackaye was the audience, but quietly until Hammerstein announced that the performance could not continue.

UNION LODGE HOST TO 200

The last of five county meetings held by the Masons during the year took place at Union last evening about 200 present. It happened that this meeting was held on the eighth anniversary of the death of W. T. Wright, past grand master of Masons, whose home was at Union. Mrs. Wright, his widow, sent greetings to the lodge and the brethren present.

The occasion brought up many reminiscences of the first members of the lodge, who were all pioneers of the county. Grande Ronde Valley lodge No. 6, A. F. and A. M., was chartered in 1872. The first master was John Dobbin, father of the lobbyist boys, who now live in the county. George Wright, grandfather of Ed Wright, of La Grande, was the first treasurer. W. T. Wright was the first man to make a mason in the lodge after its institution. He was always called Tom by his friends. He became grand master of Mason in 1923 before the time of the railroad, here when travel about the state was slow. He established the masonic lodges at Joseph and Enterprise during his administration.

A resolution was passed and congratulations sent to Mrs. Wright by the lodge wishing her that peace and good will that comes at Christmas time to all those who

Joseph Club Elects Calvert President

JOSEPH, Ore. (Special)—The Joseph commercial club re-elected the following officers to serve during 1925 at a meeting held this week: E. M. Calvert, president; John Hineswright, vice-president; O. G. Crawford, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Calvert will select his committee at a later date.

Man Wanted on Mann Act Charge Is Taken

Wanted by the federal authorities at Portland on a charge of violation of the Mann act, J. J. Baker, of Cascade, Idaho, was arrested here by the police and will be held in jail until a government officer arrives to take him into custody.

One Out Of Fifty

The percentage of business firms in La Grande who do not value the opportunity to have continued contact with their customers, through advertising messages in "The Observer," is very, very small.

LA GRANDE LADS, DADS JOIN HANDS

Annual Father-Son Banquet Finds More Than 200 in Attendance

SPAN OF LIFE IS WELL REPRESENTED

Participants, Ranging in Age from 6 to 60 Years, Get Together in Closer Companionship.

More than 200 lads and dads got together last night at a banquet in the dining room of the First M. E. church. The participants ranged in age from six to 60 years.

There was quite a diversity of ages, too. Frank Harris sent a chuckle the length of the room when he walked in the door leading by the hand a son more than six feet tall.

Pleading with chicken pie as the peace de resistance, was interspersed with songs and talks intended to cement the companionships of fathers and sons.

"Fathers, give the boys a chance," was the burden of the address by J. J. Rao, who came from Caldwell, Ida., to be guest speaker at the banquet. Mr. Rao spoke of Scotch derivation.

The Rev. W. C. Ross, pastor of the Presbyterian church, acted as toastmaster, presiding upon Wesley Brownman, president of the La Grande high school student body, to speak in behalf of the sons, and upon Earl Pathe to express the sentiments of the fathers.

The boys rose to Brownman's talk with a six-round cheer for their dads.

Group singing, with Elmer Stoddard as leader, set a spirited rhythm for the affair. The opening group included "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "John Brown's Body" and "How do you do." The concluding songs were "M-I-L-I-E" and "America." Mrs. Sherwood Williams played accompaniments.

Ladies Aid serves. Multi-colored flowers and potted plants brightened the tables, with candles in brass holders to dignify the speakers' station. The dinner was served by the Ladies Aid society of the First M. E. church, with Mrs. Williams, president, directing.

ERNIE NEVERS, OF STANFORD, TURNS PRO FOR \$50,000

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—The San Francisco Examiner today says that Ernie Nevers, Stanford football star, has signed a contract to captain an all-star Jacksonville, Fla., aggregation and will receive in consideration more than \$50,000.

RED ON SIDELINES

DETROIT (By the Associated Press)—With his injured arm in splints and swollen to twice its normal size, Red Grange will sit on the sidelines today when the Chicago Bears play a Detroit professional football team.

North Powder Justice Finds "Moon" Poor Fuel

NORTH POWDER, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—Never pour moonshine into a stove in which even the slightest spark exists.

Booze Sleuth Smartest



Boozleggers thought they were smart when they designed an automobile with an unusually large body. But T. J. Nicely, proli, hid in the body and gained evidence that resulted in the arrest of 11 Fresno, Cal., police and one former police chief.

GRADING WORK IS COMPLETED

The grading of the approaches to the overhead bridge at Menclun has been completed. Oscar Cutler, highway office engineer, announced this morning. The bridge will probably not be open until spring, however, because the approaches will not be macadamized until that time. The contract for the resurfacing will be let some time in March.

CLASS DANCES IN PENDLETON

Six La Grande girls, dancing students of Mrs. Fred Wells and her daughter June, went to Pendleton yesterday, where they participated last night in the Winter Carnival given by the B. P. O. Elks of that city. The girls will again appear on this evening's program.

The girls are: Miss Jane Stange, Miss Gilda and Trillian Ashby, Miss Twilla House, Miss Sally and Miss Judy Siegrist. Miss Lois Nelson, who accompanies the girls at the piano, is with them. Accompanying the girls as chaperones are Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Mrs. Adolph Siegrist, Mrs. Will Siegrist and Mrs. J. L. House.

Klamath Falls Fears Meningitis Epidemic

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Two more cases of spinal meningitis have been reported to county health officers and grave concern is felt that an epidemic might spread throughout the county. One of the latest victims is a 19-year-old boy, a member of a large family, and the other is a middle-aged man.

Scenio Defeats Pelz; Reddick Whips Negro

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—"Clever Scenio, Filipino flyweight, last night won a 10-round decision over Henry Pelz, of Portland. Jack Reddick, Canadian light-heavyweight champion, outpointed Young Peter Jackson, Portland negro.

SHELTER TO BE BUILT

GOLD HILL, Ore.—The proposed shelter at Gold Hill will soon be a reality. According to an announcement that the local Kellogg-Van Ness Mining company will finance the first unit of the shelter proposed by the Sunset Shelter company, organized by the Gold Hill business men after the failure of the West Coast Finance company last year to finance the project. This arrangement is the result of a conference between the officials of the two companies last week following extended investigation.

AMERICANS SAFE WHILE GUNS ROAR

Rescue Twenty Caught Between Fire in Fierce Battle in China

WOMEN, CHILDREN ESCAPE UNHARMED

International Train, After Bursting Shells, Pulled to Safety.

PEKING. (By the Associated Press)—An international train which left Peking for Tientsin early Thursday returned here at six o'clock tonight after having been caught in a battle between the forces of Peng Yu Hsiang and Li Ching Ling, at Yangtsun, 20 miles north of Tientsin.

Twenty Americans, nine Britishers, several prominent Japanese, and four league of nations representatives, among the passengers, were forced to take refuge from bursting shells under the coaches of the stalled train.

The passengers included a number of women and children. All escaped unharmd.

Forces Still Battle Peng's and Li's armies still engaged in furious battle this morning.

DRUSES SLAY ENEMY FORCE

JERUSALEM. (By the Associated Press)—The loss of several hundred French troops in a battle with Druse tribesmen near Damascus Monday is reported in advices received here.

According to these reports the battle raged all day Monday. The Druses surrounded the French troops, numbering several hundred, and in the battle almost the entire French force was killed.

OROWA MOVING TOWARD JAPAN

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The steamer West Orowa was under way today with her engines at nearly full speed, steering with a jury rudder, and conveyed by the steamer Dewey and West Holbrook, according to word received here. The Orowa has been drifting rudderless several days 2,000 miles west of Portland. Neither of the conveying vessels has a line on the crippled freighter, which will be repaired in Japan.

Professional Beauties Set Styles; Writers Yelp

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—Writers in the London press are deploring their observation that professional beauties—women of the stage, vaudeville and demimonde—have to a considerable extent replaced women of royal and noble birth as creators of popular fashions. These same writers, however, predict that the extreme modern parades in the cafes and boulevards of Paris and at the French race courses gradually will give way to less radical fashions. The modest but becoming gowns worn by Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain during her recent London visit have been the subject of much comment. Fashion writers seem to agree that the queen is much more smartly dressed than most of the women who cause beholders to gasp in the theatre and cafes.

"The charm of the queen's costume," one of the fashion experts writes, "that one always thinks of what an attractive woman she is and does not pay particular attention to her gown. In other words she dresses to bring out her womanly beauty and does not wear anything startling enough to de-

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