

NEW MOVIE THEATER TO BE ERECTED

Meyers and Bowen Will Replace Star with a Large Building

DEMANDS OF CITY TO GOVERN WORK

Construction Will Be Started When Progress Warrants Step; Site Is Purchased.

J. D. Meyers and Arthur B. Bowen, owners of the Arcade theatre, have added to their interest here by purchasing from Grace Snyder the property on Adams avenue where the Star theatre is located.

The new owners have taken possession and announced that they will make many changes in the present building. They plan to erect a large modern theatre whenever the needs of La Grande warrant such a step.

For the present the Star theatre will receive a complete renovation. New drapes have already been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.

"This together with other improvements planned for the interior, will make a vast difference in the appearance of the lobby and auditorium," Mr. Meyers states.

A few changes will be made to the exterior such as lowering the outside lobby level with the sidewalk but as the building will eventually be wrecked to give way to a new building the new owners do not feel they should be justified in doing a great deal at this time.

However they want the people of La Grande to know that from now on the Star theatre will be handled in the same manner that has made the Arcade the leading theatre in La Grande and that the patrons of the Star will receive the most courteous treatment so they will always feel that they are most welcome, they declare.

COURT OPENS IN NEW ROOMS

Justice Hugh E. Brady, returned and duty from the business of making interrupted his work this morning to confer upon S. W. Campbell the first sentence imposed in the new courtroom, over the L. & L. drug store, in the Foley-Bowen building.

Campbell was arrested by A. G. Dunn, traffic officer, on a charge of driving a motor vehicle without an operator's license. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

Law Violations Increase—S.A. E.M. Oregon.—Prohibition law violations in Marion county increased from one in 1916 to 55 during the past twelve months, according to records in the sheriff's office. In 1924 a total of 46 liquor law offenders were registered at the county jail.

Youthful Trio Caught After Robbing Store

Biggest Day In Its History

A well-known La Grande store enjoyed the largest business Saturday in its history, by a large margin. It was the first day of the store's January sale—an annual event. It is especially worthy of note that this sale was advertised exclusively in the columns of The Observer, no other medium or method being used except display windows. The results are convincing as to the pulling power of The Observer, its excellent coverage of the La Grande territory, and its high reader interest. Many other stores are experiencing like returns—and all at a cost per reader that is unusually low. Intelligent use of Observer space is always profitable. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

High School Students At Work Again

Classes Resumed Today Following 24 Hours of Fumigation as Precautionary Measure.

Having already advised the high school students of precautions they should practice against contagion, Dr. R. P. Landis, president of the school board, spoke last night to the teachers of all the grade schools, instructing them in detection of scarlet fever symptoms. Pamphlets bearing a similar message were distributed to parents through the pupils.

Miss Alice H. Marquardt, county nurse, spent yesterday at the Willow school building, and will proceed during the next few days to survey the pupils in the other districts. Since her time belongs to the entire county, and there is no exclusively La Grande school nurse, a great deal of the health work has to be left to the teachers, who are making their best efforts to guard against disease, Superintendent Longfellow said this morning.

Classes Resumed.—Except for a scarcely noticeable pungency of formaldehyde in the air and the faint stir of excitement as classes passed to and fro through the halls, the high school resumed its work-a-day tranquility this morning with little to indicate that anything unusual had happened.

And, since every possible precautionary measure has been carried out to ward off the danger of exposure to scarlet fever, to which a student unsuspectingly subjected himself Monday, the health officers and the school authorities are hopeful that nothing disastrous will come from the unfortunate incident.

Hi-Dads Discuss Hoop And Other Activities

The Hi-Dads, when they met in regular session at the office of G. L. Dutton last evening, talked over the coming basketball season and other prospective activities of the high school, with a view to continuing their policy of leading and progressing the interests of the student body.

There were no matters up for formal action. Dr. W. P. McAdory, granddod, reports.

DOCTORS CARELESSNESS CAUSES TEN DEATHS

TASHKENT, Russian Turkistan (AP)—Although charged with causing ten deaths of children whom he vaccinated by mistake with diphtheria germs instead of anti-toxin, Dr. Ivan Shirokikh, chief physician of the Tropical Medical Institute, has been given a sentence of only 10 weeks imprisonment. At his trial before the supreme court he placed the blame on a nurse, whose negligence, he said, had resulted in the deadly solution being placed in the wrong bottle.

28 STUDENTS SUSPENDED

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis.—Twenty-eight students have been suspended from college for the rest of this year, 24 have been placed on probation with one chance to "make good," and 42 have been continued on probation as a result of action of the scholarship committee following completion of grades for the first term, just completed. Action taken on the students suspended is declared final by the committee.

Undesirable



Alfred Greig, 32, said to be the son of Lord A. D. Trevelyan of England, who is being held as an "undesirable citizen" in a Los Angeles jail. The government claims he came into this country from Canada recently under false pretenses. Greig declares he has lived in the United States since he was eight years old.

GASKILL HELD RESPONSIBLE

Jesse Gaskill, who was arrested on his own admission of a crime against his 14-year old daughter last September a few weeks later committed to the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton for observation as to his sanity, has been returned to the county jail here on the decision of the asylum authorities that he is mentally responsible for the act.

Steel Company Closing Up Bridge Contracts

The Illinois Steel and Bridge company of Spokane, which recently fulfilled its contract for the building of a bridge over the Grand Ronde river on the Alton-Lower Cove road, is represented here today by C. O. Burnett, who is closing up the business through Thomas E. Davis, Portland attorney. Mr. Davis acts for the Fidelity Deposit company of Maryland, who as holder of the original and falling contractor, procured the Spokane firm to finish the work.

County Court Begins Three-Day Meeting

County court begins its annual three-day session, occasioned by the January drawing of the jury list for circuit court, with the usual routine of auditing bills this morning. Regular business will occupy the first two days. On Friday the registration lists will be consulted for the necessary 400 to 500 names from which jurors will be empaneled during the coming year.

La Grande Stage Run Sold by Baker Sheriff

RAKEL, Ore. (Special)—The Baker-La Grande stage run which has been operated by the Red Star company was sold by the Sheriff here Monday on a judgment given by the circuit court in favor of G. L. Standing of Auburn, Washington, against William Gordon for \$2700. A bid of \$250 took the property. The plaintiff will take possession of the run, which will be operated under the name, "Baker-La Grande Stage."

"Sunburn" Popular Shade—LONDON, (AP)—"Sunburn" as a popular shade in dress and combinations, has arrived in London simultaneously with the foggy season. Some of the finer grades of "sunburn" silk stockings, which cost \$15 to \$20 a pair, are so light in weight that they will not turn the balance of an ordinary scale. "Sunburn" combinations are readily obtained by those who have the rivers merely by taking violet dye treatments once or twice a week at \$2 the sitting.

WOUNDED GUARD WORSE—SALEM, Ore.—Lute Savage, guard, who suffered a bullet wound of the body August 17, when Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelly and James Wilcox shot their way out of the institution, was reported to be in a critical condition. Hospital officials said they had little hope for his recovery.

JURY LIST FOR YEAR SELECTED

Two Hundred Forty-Six Eligible for Justice Court Service

FEW EXCUSES TO BE CONSIDERED

Judge H. E. Brady Declares Summons Must Be Respected—Will Avoid Second Call.

"If you, or any of you, receive a summons to serve on the justice court jury this year, you had best put your house in order and prepare to do your duty as a citizen of these United States," declared Judge Hugh E. Brady Tuesday as he handed The Observer reporter a copy of the jury lists for 1926.

"No excuses will be accepted," the judge continued emphatically. "We will make a special effort to avoid calling on the same person more than once during the year, putting the names as they are called into an envelope from which they will be drawn a second time only on condition that the list runs out before the end of the term."

216 Names Selected.—"We aren't expecting such an overwhelming number of cases as were tried in the justice of the peace court during 1925," concluded the court with a wry smile. Here are the 246 names selected for the jury list by the justice and a pair of freeholders, Joe Whitby and De Lile Greene:

- J. J. Peck; Homer Wilson, farmer; Ed. Bekley, farmer; Glen Thompson, farmer; Arno L. Voelz, farmer; Dan Phillip, farmer; Geo. P. Hill, farmer; Geo. A. Chandler; Lloyd Chandler, farmer; Robert Clark; W. H. Condit; E. M. Combs, farmer; Fred E. Burgess; Oscar Culler; Elmer Daron, farmer; Ernest Delong, farmer; John Dickson; G. L. Dutton; N. M. Fell, farmer; E. L. Allen, (Glass Drugs); W. C. Perkins; W. C. Prober; May Park; B. G. Britte; Helen M. Geddes; G. B. Gekeler, farmer; G. O. Gekeler, farmer; Otto W. Gerber; A. E. Golden; Lucy Graham; Lucy Gwilliam; Lucy Graham; Chas. Grandy, farmer; Bert Groul, farmer; E. S. Gwilliam; W. D. Hank; Kate Hanley; O. M. Heacock; Anna S. Hillman; C. W. Lotland; Mrs. C. D. Huffman; E. D. Jasper, farmer; Gilbert Hunter, farmer; Chas. Binger; Walter Jones; I. C. Kennedy; O. H. Kincaid; Paul E. Knautz, farmer; Mrs. Robert Laum; Holger M. Larson; B. W. Leighton; Bird E. Lewis; Mrs. J. D. Lynch; J. H. March, farmer; Mrs. E. Marks; Rose McAllister, farmer; Arthur Metcalf, farmer; Duncan McDonald, farmer; Ruth McKen-

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Wears Sixty-One Medals



This is Eddy La Baue of Lake Charles, La., one of the ranking boy scouts of the country. His first name just misses being "Fatty," but he has just won his 61st scout medal.

World Court Probe Plans Are Beaten

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Votes Down Reed's Investigation Resolution.

WASHINGTON (AP Press Time Flash)—By a vote of 54 to 46 the senate refused to order an investigation of propaganda in favor of the world court and foreign debt settlements.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A resolution by Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, proposing an investigation of "propaganda" for the acceptance of the world court and war debt settlements, was disapproved today by the senate foreign relations committee.

Senator Reed said he would attempt to have the senate itself act on the proposal.

The committee voted eight to three against the proposal advanced by Senator Reed. Reed, Borah and Johnson voted for a favorable report.

ASK AMERICANS TO COME TO AID OF U. S. FARMERS

CHICAGO, (By the Associated Press)—Sam H. Thompson, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, in a statement today, pleaded with the American people to give thought to the problem of handling the farmers' exportable surplus.

"If all Americans would open a sympathetic ear and kindly heart to the farmers' unsatisfactory situation, and help relieve his lack of fair income, then it relieved, complete curing of the ill would be reflected in a new kind of permanent prosperity among the American people never witnessed in the world," he said.

Pierce Sets Date for Siskiyou Road Election

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Governor Pierce today signed a proclamation fixing Tuesday, Feb. 16, the date for a special election in Jackson and Josephine counties on the question of whether a Siskiyou highway improvement district be formed.

Formation of the district is sought for the purpose of building a road up Williams creek from the Williams post office, to the Oregon caves. Federal forest road aid is expected.

Proponents claim that the proposed road will give Medford a shorter route to the Oregon caves than the present road which goes through Grants Pass.

Grape Juice King Dead In Florida Home Today

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (By the Associated Press)—Charles E. Welch, grape juice manufacturer, died at his winter home here today after a short illness.

To Tip or to Salaam Question Burns Turk

CONSTANTINOPLE, (By the Associated Press)—Cold, winter winds are giving a new turn to the famous hat question in Turkey by raising a controversy over the method of saluting with the new headgear.

Conservatives and those addicted to colds argue for a continuation of the old Turkish salamm, which left the face comfortably on the head. The progressives maintain that with the adoption of European hats, it becomes necessary to adopt the European method of uncovering.

Klamath Falls School Closed During Epidemic

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—All grade schools in Klamath Falls have been ordered closed for an indefinite period by the school board. This action was taken because of the demoralized conditions of the schools with more than 30 per cent of the pupils absent.

In announcing its action the board said the schools were not being closed because of fear of the meningitis epidemic, but because the parents are refusing to send their children to school until the epidemic has subsided.

NEWPORT MAN HELD UP—NEWPORT, Ore.—W. G. Walrad, merchant of this city, was held up by a masked robber and robbed near his home, Walrad at first thought it was a joke, but when the highwayman fired his revolver near Walrad's face he held up his hands. The highwayman took Walrad's wallet, but it contained no cash. This was the first highway robbery in the history of Newport.

Frees His Mother



Mrs. Grace Moore was sent to jail because she stole a Christmas present for her son, Albert. The boy, grief stricken, attempted to kill himself with poison. Physicians saved his life and a kind-hearted judge paroled his mother, so Albert is happy.

SET DATES ON RAIL HEARING

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The interstate commerce commission today set aside two days, February 4 and 5, for hearing of arguments in the controversy between the Southern Pacific railway and northern lines over the right to build new lines in Eastern and Central Oregon.

EVELYN THAW SAVED, IS GLAD

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, successful in her attempt to kill herself, by drinking poison after a prolonged New Year's party, is glad she will not die.

"Life looked hopeless but now it looks promising and colorful," she told her physician.

SLEEMAN APPOINTED

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Governor Pierce today appointed B. W. Sleeman, president of the state federation of labor, as a member of the state board of vocational education. He succeeds Otto R. Hartwig, former president of the federation, who is ill.

VESUVIUS ACTIVE

NAPLES, Italy (AP)—Mount Vesuvius broke into violent eruption today. A large eruption cone has formed on the western side of the mountain and a white cavity has opened near the base on the northern slope. Large quantities of lava are flowing from both cone and cavity with violent explosions in the former. Tonight the volcano's surface, which of late has been snow covered, assumed a pinkish tinge under the reflection of the great reddish clouds lighted by flames from the new opening.

First Civilization Here Established By Asiatics

DENVER, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—Excavation of archaeological ruins in Southwest Colorado has uncovered the remains of an ancient civilization established perhaps as long ago as the beginning of the Christian era. Dr. Jean Allard Jeannon, curator of archaeology of the Colorado State Historical and Natural History Society, in his research has pieced together a picture of that life which existed 1500 years before Columbus came to the New World. From the shape of the skulls unearthed he has formed the theory that the first civilization in this region was established by a people of Asiatic origin, resembling in stature the modern Japanese. The work in the Pecos Springs district of Colorado, along the New Mexico border, led to their classification as the Basket Workers, the Post-Basket Workers, and the Pre-Pueblo people. The two first were primitive but the last highly advanced, using the bow and arrow, baking pottery in kilns and cultivating several varieties of corn. The Basket Workers did not fashion pottery; used a throwing stick instead of a bow to hurl their flint-tipped arrows, and wove rabbit hair into Yucca fabric for body covering. The Post-Basket Workers made a crude, unglazed pottery, and grew corn, flint corn, being other-

COMMITTEE APPROVES PEACE STEP

House Hears Unanimous Report on Disarmament Participation

\$50,000 EXPENSE RESOLUTION UP

Move to Outlaw War, Introduced by Fish, New York, Meets with Rebuff in Committee.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—The house foreign affairs committee today unanimously reported a resolution to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 for American participation in the preparatory disarmament conference at Geneva.

The committee rejected an amendment to instruct American delegates to present a resolution calling for consideration of the advisability of outlawing nations that start wars of aggression.

As reported, the resolution says the appropriation is made in compliance with President Coolidge's request.

The committee debated on the language of the resolution at length.

The proposal to outlaw war was introduced by Representative Fish, Republican, of New York. Chairman Porter opposed Fish's proposal, saying, "If we go into the question of what is to be considered, we would have to prepare for the conference for months."

RADIO LAWS URGED

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press)—New legislation at this session of Congress is essential to prevent "chaos in radio broadcasting and communication" Secretary Hoover today told the house merchant committee, which is considering a radio regulation bill presented by Representative White, Republican, of Maine.

Hoover recommended passage of the bill as meeting the "present public necessity," pointing out that congestion in broadcasting has produced a most pressing need for legislation.

SCHOOL PLAN IS CRITICIZED

OLYMPIA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Voicing criticism of Governor Hartley's recommendations for the management of the state school system and state printing of textbooks, the senate education committee reported to the senate today.

The report declared "it is now clear from actual events of this legislative session that the education of the young people of the state has been made a chief political issue."

Wise Virtually Barbarian

The change in skull and skeletal form prompted the belief that the Pre-Pueblo race conquered the others and from their advent began a highly interesting and "efficient" state of life. They were agriculturists of no mean degree and many of the principles of gravity irrigation were known to them. Irrigation ditches, miles in length, were constructed and they dammed streams and made reservoirs for the storage and conservation of water. Their principal crops were beans, corn several varieties of squash. They used as food the edible seeds, tubers and roots of wild plant life. A short staple cotton was grown and used for garments, while the Yucca and fiber for ropes, baskets, mats and other textile articles.

House building reached a high point of development, the architecture of some of the ruins comparing well with modern buildings. The Yucca House, a ruin in the lower Montezuma Valley, is a structure covering many acres of ground. It is several stories high and was capable of housing several hundred persons. This and other examples such as the Cliff Palace and the Spruce Tree house, excavated in this part of the country, tend to show that this early race lived communally.

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