

LOCAL LOAN COMPANY IN GREAT YEAR

Building and Loan Association Increases Its Capital Stock

JUMP NECESSARY TO MEET DEMANDS

Annual Meeting Shows That More Than \$420,000 Worth of Paper Sold During 1925.

The capital stock of the La Grande Building and Loan Association was increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 last night when the annual shareholders meeting of the organization was held for that purpose and to elect a board of directors for the new year.

The same board of directors were re-elected for 1926. They are: A. L. Richardson, H. E. Cooldige, John I. Stoddard, William Sjogren, J. P. Phay, A. J. Shaw, A. T. Hill, Joe Carr, Floyd McKennon and T. J. Scroggin.

IMPROVEMENT BONDS SOLD

A \$10,324.25 block of sewer and sidewalk improvement bonds were sold last night by the city commissioners to the Lumberman's Trust company, of Portland, Ore., highest of four bidders at 1-28 1/2.

Other bids received were as follows: La Grande and United States National banks (joint bid)—par and accrued interest.

Ralph Schenck and company, of Portland, 1-24. George H. Burr, Conrad and Egmon, Inc., of Portland, 1-25 1/2.

The treasurer's report for the month of December was read, approved and ordered filed. The report showed that on Dec. 1, 1925, the balance on hand was \$259,925.81. Receipts during the month amounted to \$50,873.54 and expenditures \$62,177.58, leaving a balance on hand January 1 of \$258,421.77.

A complaint concerning conditions of some of the northside streets was read but inasmuch as the motor cannot be corrected until storm sewers are installed, the commission authorized City Manager W. C. Crows to make only temporary.

Baker And La Grande In Legion Membership Drive

La Grande post, of the American Legion—filling in line with the nationwide campaign for members that was outlined at the last national convention—sets the goal at 400 members before the close of 1926.

Baker, with a similar ambition, will compete with the local legionnaires for the greatest percentage of gain.

As the first step, Harley H. Richardson, the new commander, has ordered reminders sent to all past members of the post, asking that they remit their membership dues at once.

The reminders are all that will be necessary in the majority of cases, the commander is convinced, since the advantages of membership in the legion are so apparent that every ex-service man wants to belong.

Court Term To Begin On February 1

List of Jurors Drawn by Sheriff and County Clerk Today—31 Men on Venire.

The names of 31 men were drawn today by Sheriff Jesse Breshers and C. K. McCormick, clerk of courts, to form the jury list for the February term of circuit court, which will be convened by Judge J. W. Knowles on Monday morning, the first day of next month.

While the court has not yet set the cases that will be tried, it is known that some 10 to 12 criminal cases are waiting to be heard. Of the civil suits that pend, one of the most interesting involves the Mt. Emily Lumber company, which is being sued by the Security Construction company in connection with the logging road that was built, or partly built, by the plaintiffs under a cost-plus contract.

The Mt. Emily company will be defendant also in two lesser cases growing out of the alleged damages to private properties from the seepage from their pond.

List of Jurors. Following is a list of the names drawn from the jurors' box: C. M. Gillison, North Powder, farmer; Edward Mitchell, Union, laborer; John Seldner, La Grande, merchant; W. R. Phillips, Union, stockman; John M. Mitchell, Cove, farmer; Duncan McDonald, La Grande, farmer; W. H. Reynolds, Cove, farmer; C. E. Moore, Elgin, farmer; Ernest Kohler, Union, farmer; G. L. Hess, Union, garage-man; W. A. Hudelson, North Powder, merchant; A. W. Nelson, La Grande, printer; John McCalley, La Grande, farmer; W. W. Langford, Union, farmer; Philip L. Lockwood, Cove, farmer; William N. Park, Summerville, farmer; P. H. Lee, La Grande, merchant; Le Roy Knight, La Grande, plasterer; C. D. Putnam, La Grande, merchant; Jonathan Green, Elgin, farmer; William Miller, Elgin, farmer; Deane Greene, La Grande, merchant; George Kedia, La Grande, farmer; Myron Lyon, Union, farmer; Jack Gorham, North Powder, farmer; Ole Johnson, La Grande, contractor; Ray Ledbetter, La Grande, contractor.

SNOW, AFTER 24 DAYS' ABSENCE, COVERS GROUND

Know, the first to fall here in 24 days, began drifting down at 10:45 o'clock this morning and within 15 minutes was swirling to the ground with gusts, driven along by a brisk breeze from the east.

Farmers and townsmen alike welcomed the fall, which, if continued, will mean protection for the former's wheat fields and protection against a dry summer for the latter.

The last snow occurred here December 21, when eight inches, by measurement, blanketed the city. Since then a slight amount of rain has fallen but no snow in La Grande.

Master Mason Degree To Be Exemplified

At a regular meeting of Blue Lodge No. 41, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons tomorrow evening in the Masonic hall the master mason degree will be exemplified. The meeting will be followed by the serving of refreshments.

Local membership at its peak reached the 275 mark. Under the rules of the organization, membership has to be renewed every year by the payment of dues. The arrangement insures an interested constituency.

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Jay Upton



Jay Upton, Bend Attorney, who today declares himself a candidate for the office of governor of Oregon. He is a Republican.

MRS. MOSSMAN COMPLIMENTED

Mrs. E. P. Mossman has just had a letter from the editors of the American Magazine of Art asking for an article that will set forth the plan and workings of her picture library movement.

The compliment comes from one of the finest publications that cater to the art world. Several of America's leading artists are on its board of directors.

But to Mrs. Mossman, the request appears less as a compliment than as a testimony to the realization beyond hope of a dream that she has cherished for many years.

It was comparatively few months ago that she launched her idea of spreading the privileges of picture study and enjoyment after the manner in which a library circulates books.

She worked out a plan, and presented it to the members of the Neighborhood club, who saw its possibilities and gave her full support in getting it carried out in La Grande.

Success was almost immediate. The plan, once it was explained, seemed so logical, so easily operated, and so fruitful of results, that art lovers wondered why it had never been tried before.

Other clubs looked on and were interested. They sought Mrs. Mossman's help in starting picture libraries in their own towns, and she gave her time and effort without stint.

Presently the Oregon Federation of Women's clubs sought her out and made her chairman of the state division of art.

She answered lecture calls to all parts of the state, to cities and to the remotest villages. Everywhere her ideas became impressed with her plan to bring good pictures into the homes, and they followed her directions in establishing their picture libraries.

National Recognition Seen. Other states have taken up the movement, and prospects for a national recognition of the work are discussed by the chairman of the General Federation of Women's clubs.

The promised story to the American Magazine of Arts will assure attention where it can be counted upon to function.

"The idea has already grown so large that it frightens me to contemplate it," Mrs. Mossman declares.

DRILLING IS RESUMED AT CITY WELL

Volume of Water Produced Proves Insufficient for City Needs

TESTS ARE MADE BY WELL EXPERTS

Five-Gallon-A-Minute Surface Flow Continues—Outlook for More Is Favorable.

Following tests conducted at the city deep well drilling was resumed yesterday because the volume of water now being produced was found insufficient to satisfy the needs of the city, according to an announcement by W. C. Crows, city manager, today.

The five-gallon-a-minute flow at the surface still continues, he reports, and the water appears to be satisfactory for consumption, the only drawback being lack of volume. The pressure is declared quite satisfactory.

Just how much deeper the casing will have to be sunk before the flow is increased to the quantity desired is doubtful.

Well experts on those in the know are hopeful of finding a much greater volume at some point below the 800-foot level where the original water strike was made several days ago. All indications existing at present point favorably to success in the work, the experts point out. The railroad well produced its greatest volume of water 325 feet down.

COVE HOME IS BURNED TODAY

Fire, which is thought to have started by an overheated stove completely destroyed the residence of T. P. Gardner at Cove this morning shortly after midnight. The family were in bed and awake to find the house in flames.

The fire had made so much headway that efforts to save the building and contents were useless. The loss, estimated at \$700, is covered by insurance.

Assembly Will Precede Tigers' Trip to Elgin

With the first out-of-town hoop game scheduled for Friday evening at Elgin, La Grande high school is preparing to stir up a hoop of enthusiasm among the boosters at a special assembly at 10:10 a. m. in the auditorium tomorrow.

Saturday night Union will bring its squad here, and the plans are now for a double-header program, the seconds to play a preliminary game before the scheduled contest begins.

PAYS 2 CENTS A MONTH NEWPORT, Eng.—Albert Godder was ordered by court to pay off a personal debt at the rate of two cents a month.

Foreman

The federal grand jury that is investigating the Osage murder mysteries.

ELGIN SETS DATES FOR 1926 FAIR

County Showing to Take Place There Sept. 22-25, Inclusive

DIRECTOR ANDREW TUCKER RESIGNS

W. R. Ledbetter, Prominent Stock Man and An Energetic Worker, Is Chosen for Place.

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to The Observer)—The Union county fair, an annual attraction of great importance to the agricultural, industrial and commercial groups of this district, will be held here this year September 22, 23, 24 and 25. It was decided at a meeting of the fair directors held recently.

Besides the setting of the dates, several other business matters came before the body. The resignation of Andrew Tucker as director was accepted and W. R. Ledbetter was chosen to succeed him. Mr. Tucker gave as his reason for resigning his inaccessibility to town, which necessitated his making long trips on horseback to attend meetings. However, he assured the board of his willingness to help the fair in every way possible.

In the selection of Mr. Ledbetter the fair board feels it has gained a valuable addition. He is a prominent stock raiser and is expected to be an energetic worker. The contract with the owners of the fair grounds was also discussed and the directors are confident that an amicable agreement can be negotiated.

TWO WASHINGTON MURDERERS ARE EXECUTED TODAY

VANCOUVER, B. C. (By the Associated Press)—Owen B. Baker, of Tacoma, Wash., and Harry F. Rowland, of Seattle, were hanged today for the killing of William J. Gillis and his son, William G., in a hi-jacking raid, September 15, 1925.

Charles Morris, of Seattle, also convicted in the case, is awaiting removal to the penitentiary to begin a life sentence.

Two Killed When Radio Special Jumps Tracks

COFFEYVILLE, Kans. (By the Associated Press)—The engineer and fireman were killed instantly and a conductor was probably fatally injured today when the Missouri Pacific "Radio Special" east bound train was derailed 16 miles north of here.

None of the passengers were fatally injured according to early reports.

Irving Berlin And Bride Claim Happiness

ABOARD S. R. LEVIATHAN AT SEA (By the Associated Press)—Irving Berlin and his bride, formerly Edith Mackay, are enjoying every minute of their honeymoon voyage and both are apparently happy, they declared in a statement today, the first they have issued for publication since the Leviathan left New York.

Chicago Buyer Does Away with Handshaking

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—A sign "no handshaking" has appeared on the office door of the head buyer of a Chicago department store.

Figures In Osage Mystery



Here are the principals in the mysterious train of murder cases that have terrorized the Osage Indian tribe in Oklahoma. At the left is Mrs. John Kenny, white wife of a full-blooded Indian, whose shooting of Fred Tillman, Indian attorney, two months ago started the investigation. She was freed when she claimed he had hypnotized her—a proceeding she said, that the murder ring adopted on all of its victims. At the right is her husband, John Kenny, whom she is seeking to divorce.

FRANCE, ITALY IN GOLD WAVE

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Both France and Italy are suffering from severe cold. Central and Northern Italy and southward as far as Naples are blanketed with snow.

In France the mercury dropped abruptly from 60 degrees above to zero and below in some points. Snow is falling in various places. Where last week floods were raging the water has been converted into frozen swamps over which a bitter easterly gale is howling. Storms are playing havoc with shipping.

JARDINE BACKS HAUGHEN BILL

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Full support of the Haughen bill providing for a division of co-operative marketing in the department of agriculture was pledged today by Secretary Jardine, in speeches before the fourth national co-operative marketing conference.

The tendency to disagree among farm leaders was held by Jardine to be one of the chief factors in holding agriculture in its backward position.

"Hot" Note to Wife No Cause for a Divorce

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—George Bayliss today asked for a divorce charging his wife received passionate letters from Joe Jardine.

Although Bayliss produced what he said was one of the letters the judge denied the application.

The massive read in part: "My soul, for a week I have been feeling bad in the stomach. I am going to take some medicine for the stomach. My heavy, my love, my all, my life, goodbye. I am sending you some bananas. I cannot eat them myself."

Phymere Farm Receives Four Records of Merit

HOT LAKE, (Special)—Dr. W. T. Phay has just received "Records of Merit" for four of his Holstein-Friesians. These records are issued to owners of leading producers among the black and white breed in the United States by the central office of the association.

XTRA

STOCK OVERSUBSCRIBED NEW YORK, (AP)—Public offerings today of \$20,000,000 of first preferred stock of the Crown Willamette Paper company was oversubscribed.

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Discontinuance of publicity of income tax returns was approved today by the senate finance committee in accepting this provision in the house revenue bill.

VOTE DOWN BILL. PARIS, (AP)—The chamber of deputies' finance committee today voted down the finance bill and Doumer's proposal for a stamp tax on business transactions.

RILEY'S WIFE. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—John Butchick, 40, appeared in the police station today and reported he killed his wife with a hatchet at their home. He said he and his wife had been quarreling, and that she seized a broom which he took away from her and that she then seized a hatchet and tried to strike him. He declared he took the hatchet away from her and in the scuffle struck her blows which killed her.

Judge to Hold Court in Wallowa County. Judge J. W. Knowles will open an equity term of the circuit court in Wallowa county Monday, January 18. H. R. Hanna, court reporter, will accompany Judge Knowles to Enterprise, where court will convene.

Cases set for trial are as follows: January 18—Hunt vs. Wallowa Valley Improvement District; January 19—Miller vs. Pike; January 20—War Finance Corporation vs. W. H. Gibson; January 21—Eben vs. Benndoin Livestock company; January 21—Stock Growers and Farmers' National Bank vs. Morelock; January 22—Eben vs. Benndoin Livestock company.

48 YEARS TO PAY \$200. ALDEIRSHOT, Eng.—Summoned for non-payment of \$200 rent, Matthew Squires was ordered to pay at a rate that will take 48 years. Squires is 50 years old.

Jay H. Upton Candidate To Succeed Gov. Pierce

BEND, Ore. (Special)—Jay H. Upton, local attorney, today announced that he will be a candidate for governor in the Republican primaries.

"I expect to win, but if I should not, I will support the man who can defeat me at the primaries," Mr. Upton states. "If elected I will give the people a dignified, efficient and economical business administration. I will be governor of all the people of Oregon."

Mr. Upton, who was president of the state senate in 1923, favors abolition of the "so-called" state emergency board, reduction of automobile licenses, few laws and better enforcement, improvement of highways, re-adjustment of taxation and assessment, no tax exempt bonds, preservation of forests and reforestation, no federal game control, abolition of the parole board, and reclamation and cooperative marketing.

SURVIVORS ARE TAKEN FROM MINE

Cecil McKinney, White, Is First Freed from Oklahoma Diggings

REACHES SURFACE AT 8 A. M. TODAY

Beril Holland, Negro, Is Second Survivor, Taken from Lower Levels Two Hours Later.

WILBURTON, Okla. (By the Associated Press)—Cecil McKinney, white, one of 31 miners entombed by an explosion in the Deannan-McConnelly mine near here yesterday, was rescued alive near the mouth of the mine shaft at 8 o'clock this morning.

McKinney is the first survivor to come out of the lower levels of the mine. Negro Rescued. Beril Holland, negro, the second survivor from the lower mine levels. He was brought to the surface about 10 o'clock.

Fire which broke out again this morning in the entry to No. 14 halted the work of removing the bodies after 12 had been taken out. McKinney said he had crawled on his hands and knees, finally groping his way almost to the exit of the shaft, where the rescuers found him. He related crawling over many dead bodies, including that of his father, which he recognized.

Few Others Alive. McKinney is suffering from nervous exhaustion. He expressed doubt that any others are alive in the mine.

The rescue of McKinney and Holland reduces the estimated death list to 31.

PHY CHIEF OF HEALTH BOARD

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—W. T. Phay, of Hot Lake, was elected president of the state board of health at its annual meeting here. He succeeds Dr. C. M. Barbee, of Portland.

Dr. W. H. Morse, of Salem, was elected vice president, and Dr. F. D. Stricker, of Portland, was re-elected secretary.

The board decided to employ a sanitary engineer for the state whose duties relate to pure water supplies, stream pollution, public camp grounds, etc.

A financial report showed that the board is operating well within the budget of \$45,000 appropriated by the last legislature.

"WHITE ROBIN" APPEARS

OREGON CITY, Ore.—A freak robin has made its appearance in Gladstone, according to residents. It is believed by those who have seen the new bird to be the same that has been seen in other valley towns of Oregon in the last few years, and which is called the "white robin."

The bird has visited the home of Miss Mary Howell and her brother Chambers Howell, at Gladstone, and according to Miss Howell, it has an unripe-like collar of pure white, irregularly spotted in black, covering his neck and shoulders and extending down onto his breast.

Once In A While The business man who advertises only once in a while—at infrequent intervals—is unconsciously laboring under a tremendous handicap. He tells you of the merit of his goods or service once a month or once a year, while others with something to sell are telling you every day and every week. You have only a limited amount of money to spend—if you spend it for new clothes, you can't spend it for a diamond pin or radio set. A merchant's greatest competition is not with men selling the same goods he sells, but with men selling other lines. Intelligent advertising will protect any line from unreasonable loss of sales volume. "Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

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Foreman NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Ezra Meeker, 95, sole survivor of the Oregon Trail blazers of 1825 attained an ambition for which he has labored many years last night when the Oregon Trail association was organized and he was elected president. The association will ask congress to authorize coinage \$5,000,000 worth of half-dollar pieces stamped with historic designs appropriate for the old trail which will be sold for \$1 a piece to raise funds for the erection of monuments along the trail. Its history written and relics of the covered wagon days collected.

Chicago Buyer Does Away with Handshaking CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—A sign "no handshaking" has appeared on the office door of the head buyer of a Chicago department store. He says the sign is meant for traveling men and others on business missions. The handclasp is "stale," it wastes time and in business is a "mock gesture" an ally as rubbing noses, he continued.

TWO-HEADED CHILD DIES NEWCASTLE, Eng.—The child with two heads born to a miner's wife at Bedington has died.

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