

ROAD BUILT UP INCLINE IS SUCCESS

Logs Moved over 32 Per Cent Grade by Grande Ronde Lumber Co.

TAKES TIMBER OUT OF CANYON WOODS

Party of Lumbermen and Business Men Inspect Company's Operations During Week.

The construction of a logging railroad up an incline with a 32 per cent grade for a quarter of a mile, as a means of getting timber out of a Blue Mountain canyon, is a job undertaken by the Grande Ronde Lumber company this winter and the road is now in operation with a capacity of 15 cars of logs a day up the mountain side.

It is an unique operation for Eastern Oregon lumbering and was inspected last week by a party of men under the guidance of Elmer and Earl Stoddard of the Grande Ronde company. The average logman who has never visited a logging camp or lumber mill will get a new conception of the work entailed in the manufacture of a two-by-four from such a trip.

The Perry company, which is the oldest in this county and which started sawing Blue Mountain timber at Perry before the days of the railroad, has practically exhausted its supply of timber in the territory back of La Grande stretching along the Grande Ronde and its tributaries. It is now taking some logs from

Tigers Win Final Game; Score 20-9

La Grande Basketball Players Return Home Sunday After Wallowa County Invasion.

Coach Thorton Bennett and his squad of high school basketball players returned to La Grande yesterday morning after a successful three-day tour of branchline points, winning one and losing two points.

Enterprise high school fell victim to the Tiger onslaught Saturday night 20 to 9, while Joseph won 24 to 20 in a hard fought game and Wallowa nosed out La Grande 25 to 26. At half time Saturday the score stood Enterprise 4, La Grande 12.

The trip is regarded as successful because, although the Tigers lost two to one, the team gained much greatly needed experience and in Joseph, the strongest team not to date, found that its strength is developing. The Tigers, by holding Joseph to a tie until the final 40 seconds of play, made a good record as any La Grande team has made in Joseph for many years.

At Enterprise the team plainly showed the effects of the terrific struggle the night before. Joseph nevertheless found the taffing smooth and the Tiger machine

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TRAP TOURNEY BEGINS FEB. 7

With shooters present from Baker, Enterprise and La Grande, plans were laid yesterday morning at a meeting at the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club's trap grounds east of La Grande for a three-county tournament, scores to be entered in The Oregonian's telegraphic sheet.

Present plans call for all teams to start at home the opening Sunday—February 7—and then alternate at-home and joint shoots, the cities taking turn in playing the host.

Pendleton and Huntington are not expected to join in the tournament although both were invited to be present at the Lone Tree grounds yesterday.

Following the agreement, the shooters from the three cities unlimbered their weapons and began mauling clay pigeons by hither and thither, mostly in pieces.

Chase Bohmkamp of La Grande scored 25 out of 25, and J. B. Smith, La Grande, and M. Meyers, of Baker, tied for second with 22 each. Leslie Kinzel, Roy Forrester and Pete Kinsley, all of La Grande, tied for third with 21 out of 25.

Teachers' Institute To Be Held at Union

The first of three teacher institutes that will be held in Union county this spring is being planned by Superintendent E. A. Sayre for Feb. 26 at Union. A second will take place at Elgin, in March, and the third, in La Grande, some time in April.

One annual and three local institutes are required in each county under the Oregon law, according to Mr. Sayre.

ASK MAN TO SHARE WITH THE NEEDY

Pastor Reminds Congregation of Humanity's Debt to Humanity

SERMON PREPARES WAY FOR INSTITUTE

Island City Young People to Hold Third Annual Indoor Meeting Beginning Tuesday.

Conjuring up the days of the Hebrews, when the reapers accustomedly left some of the ripened grain in the fields for the gleaners and the workers in the vineyards recognized the right of the poor and unfortunate to a share of the grapes, the Rev. Hall K. Wallis admonished his congregation at the Island City Community church last evening to remember humanity's debt to humanity.

His sermon prepared the way for the third annual indoor institute of the Island City young people, which will commence Tuesday evening, and continue through five sessions. Through the institute, the attendants may learn how to make their services of value to the community, the pastor said.

Must Divide Possessions. "Our possessions are ours to divide with those who have need of them," Mr. Wallis said.

"Even our time is to be shared. 'Not all our sympathies are to be spent on ourselves, for sympathizing with ourselves will make us selfish."

"Our helpfulness, too, is for others as well as for ourselves." Applying the four points to the institute, the pastor explained the purpose behind this annual training school for service, he announced that H. R. Hamilton, of Boise, the superintendent of the district, will be one of the instructors.

That human nature, contrary to the proverbial conception, is the one thing that changes was contended by the Rev. William Crosby Ross in his sermon at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning.

Laws of Nature Stand. The laws of nature, he pointed out, cannot be changed; those of human nature can, and it is such a change that brings men into the kingdom that they can do God's will. As illustrations, he cited Leo Tolstoy, who changed from a brutal soldier to a friend of the unfortunate; Jerry Macaulay, who left the dives of New York to become a mission worker; and John R. Mott, who from an atheist changed to the great student leader of the world.

The sermon was second in a series that Mr. Ross is basing on the thoughts set forth in the Lord's prayer.

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MUSICAL COMEDY BEGINS TWO-DAY RUN TOMORROW

Capacity houses will crowd the American Legion's musical comedy, "The Whirl of 'n' Town," Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Arcade theater, if the restoration board at the Glass drug store is any indication.

The exchange of tickets for reserved seats coupons has been exceptionally active, according to those who watch the board. While there are still some good seats for both performances, the supply is expected to be pretty well exhausted by night.

Cast and choruses are putting finishing touches on the production in a strenuous rehearsal at the M. L. A. hall this evening, and every actor, singer and dancer is bent on professional perfection.

Ray Williams and his village band got into action at the afternoon practice yesterday, and the cast registered interest without any demands on its histrionic talent.

They celebrate the senator's election, and ring down the curtain on the first act. Second and third act climaxes pulsate with growing excitement.

Loitering on Streets After Midnight Costly

Roy George was fined \$10 and George Nelson was fined \$25 Saturday night by Judge C. M. Humphreys in municipal court after being found guilty of loitering on the streets of La Grande after midnight. Hoag paid his fine but Nelson was unable to raise the amount, being returned to jail.

Three others were arrested Saturday night on the same charge and will come to trial either today or tomorrow.

Locaset's Grange Hall Is Dedicated

Visitors from All Eastern Oregon Present Saturday at Opening of New Building.

The Locaset grange hall was formally dedicated Saturday at a meeting held there, attended by a large crowd of visitors and grange members.

A noon luncheon was enjoyed after which addresses were given by representatives of various organizations.

G. V. Wilkinson, of Tolocaset, gave the welcome speech, Robert Withycombe, of Unionapoka briefly, using as his subject the Eastern Oregon experiment station. Roy Conklin, superintendent of the Union schools discussed education. Dr. W. T. Pys, president of the state board of health, told of the work of that body. A. R. Hunter, member of the state legislature, spoke on legislation.

La Grande was represented by W. C. Perkins, president and Earl Reynolds, secretary, of the chamber of commerce. J. H. King and L. P. Bailey were in attendance from the Baker Pomona grange. Mrs. Bryan Vandecar was a delegate from Durkee. John Jenkins from Muddy Creek, Harry Nico from Wolf Creek, J. A. Nice from the Union Pomona grange, and W. E. Gekeler from the state grange. Dr. Pys and Mr. Perkins each presented the grange with a ten-dollar bill toward its hall fund.

The formal dedication was conducted by W. E. Gekeler and members of the Locaset grange. In the evening dinner was served the visiting members and war felt.

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ARREST FOUR NEAR WALLOWA

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Prohibition agents from the sheriff's office at Enterprise conducted a clean-up here Friday night. Four arrests attributed to moonshining activities, are reported to have been made.

Charles Potter, Arch Willett, Elliott Johnson and a young man from Enterprise, known as John, were all taken to the county seat and lodged in jail pending arraignment.

Reports are current to the effect that a still found in operation by the officers in Charles Potter's barn west of town was claimed by Arch Willett, one of those apprehended. Willett stated, according to reports that Potter did not know of the still.

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Cloture Rule Invoked In World Court Battle

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The senate invoked its drastic cloture rule today to limit the debate on the world court.

The vote for the cloture was 65 to 26, five more than the necessary two-thirds. Twenty-seven Republicans and 31 Democrats voted to invoke the rule and 18 Republicans, seven Democrats and one Farmer-Laborite opposed it.

The step makes certain a final vote on the court issue within a few days, with adoption of the resolution calling for American adherence to the tribunal a foregone conclusion.

SENATE STATEMENT. KANSAS CITY, (AP)—Captain Ronald Amundsen, arctic explorer, last night denied making the statement attributed to him Saturday declaring that Dr. Frederick Cook's claim to the discovery of the north pole were just as sound as Admiral Peary's.

Amundsen said he had misunderstood and that he meant to "cut no reflection on the work of Admiral Peary."

DIRECTORS MEET TONIGHT. Directors of the Union county chamber of commerce will meet at 6 o'clock this evening for business of importance. Reports will be made at the forum luncheon at the O. G. P. dining hall Tuesday noon, when the Baker chamber of commerce will provide the program. A. A. Smith is to speak and Mrs. Paul Polman, to sing.

MOB WHIPS WOMAN. OCALA, Fla. (By the Associated Press)—Mashed with flour sacks, 17 unidentified women spirited away Mrs. Maggie Hunter, 25, home wife, away from her apartment here yesterday in a lonely byway and there are said to have shipped her with limbs torn from bloody toes.

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900 ATTEND CONCERT BY LOCAL BAND

Standing Room at Premium During Recital Yesterday

MUCH APPLAUSE GREET'S PROGRAM

Clarinet Solo Number and Saxophone Duets Were Among Features; Sousa's Suite Scores.

That the winter series of indoor band concerts is growing in popularity was evidenced yesterday afternoon at four o'clock when every seat in the Arcade theater, donated by Mayers and Bowen for the occasion, was occupied and standing room was at a premium. The crowd Sunday estimated at 900, was even larger than was in attendance at the concert given a few weeks ago.

The program prepared by director Andrew Loney, was well received by the audience and continuous applause necessitated the playing of three encores.

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HEN RAISERS TO MEET FRIDAY IN ANNUAL CAUCUS

Members of the Union County Poultry association will hold their annual meeting Friday evening in the county agent's office here. Officers for the coming year will be elected and a contract will be made for the handling of eggs.

Most of the eggs produced in Union county have been sold cooperatively for the past year and the total sales during the first nine months of that time, from February 1925 to November 1925, amounted to \$14,429.47. Members of the association state that they received slightly better prices since the organization of the association than in previous years, after deducting the necessary expenses.

The poultry association has also been a good influence in La Grande from the consumer's standpoint, as a better grade of eggs has been sold in this territory during that time than ever before, it is said.

The association did not handle any cold storage or processed eggs during the past year, as there has always been a demand that called for all the available supply.

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Nation-Wide Hunt For Girl



Miss Julia Deffrey, pretty 17-year-old school girl, has disappeared from her home at Kenosha, Wis. An intense desire to study art is believed to have been the cause of her disappearance. A nation-wide search is being conducted.

BAKER PASTOR IS FOUND DEAD

Death of the Rev. Leslie Boyd, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Baker, under circumstances that point to suicide is reported from Chicago, where the tragedy is said to have occurred, by an Associated Press dispatch carried in the Baker Sunday papers.

The minister was found dead in his room at a suburban Y. M. C. A. in Chicago Saturday night with his throat and wrists slashed, according to the article. A letter addressed to Mrs. Boyd, who has been visiting friends at Portland since her husband left for Chicago, was found in the room. C. L. Shaw, a friend of the clergyman, is said to have discovered the body.

Mr. Boyd had been ill for several months, a sufferer from diabetes, and his resignation from the pulpit a little more than two months ago was attributed chiefly to his poor health.

News of Mr. Boyd's death, and of the manner of it, was a shock to the Rev. W. C. Ross, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who had formed a strong friendship with the deceased.

The Baker minister assumed his pastoral duties here in June, 1925, at about the same time that Mr. Ross came to La Grande, and preached the installation sermon when the latter was inducted here.

Mr. Boyd was still a member of (Continued on page 8)

Hope Renewed For The Capture of Two Gunmen

LONGVIEW, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—Hope was renewed here today for the capture of two men who shot and probably fatally wounded Policeman Dwight Bailey last Saturday.

Bloodhounds from Milton, Ore., in charge of Deputy Sheriff Stout, of Hood River, hit a new trail last night that led to a railway bridge across the Cowitz. Yesterday two men wanted to cross the bridge but the bridge tender refused to close for them. The men answered the description of the fugitives.

It was reported that this morning two men entered a barn and milked a cow. A posse of more than 25 men is surrounding a swamp near the barn.

Judge McCamant Arrives In Washington Today

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Judge Wallace McCamant, of Portland, Ore., whose nomination to the federal bench is being opposed by Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, arrived here today to appear before the senate judiciary committee in which the controversy is pending.

He went immediately to the white house for a talk with President Coolidge.

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CONFESSES CUTTING UP GIRL'S BODY



Philadelphia Chiropractor Admits Dismembering Anna May Dietrich

SAYS SHE KILLED SELF IN HIS ROOM

Fear of Being Blamed for Death Inspired Him to Distribute Remains, He Declares.

PHILADELPHIA (By the Associated Press)—David L. Marshall, chiropractor, confessed today that he had dismembered the body of Anna May Dietrich.

sobbing and unwept, Marshall denied that he had murdered the 35-year-old Norwood milliner, declaring that she had taken poison in his Philadelphia office because she had been flitted by a wealthy New York man.

He told officers he dismembered the body and disposed of it because he feared he would be blamed for the woman's death.

"I Am Guiltless." Half an hour before he broke down and confessed, Marshall bent over the disfigured face of the woman in the morgue and said: "I wish she could speak, she would tell you I am guiltless."

The confession came in tumbling, frantic words after the chiropractor had been questioned for four hours.

He said he met the girl Tuesday night outside his office and that she complained of not feeling well. He said he suggested that she lie down in the office while he went out to get her. He returned half an hour later, Marshall declared, and found her unconscious in the bathroom. He tried to revive her but failed.

Used Hack Saw and Knife. "I worked on her until she died," he said. "Then I became frightened and panicky. I feared I would be blamed for her death."

"I kept the body that night in the office and next day I cut off her head and legs with a hack saw and knife."

"Wednesday night I distributed the body."

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WOMAN DIES IN OCEAN

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. Della Bryant, passenger, leaped to her death in the Pacific ocean from the deck of the steamer Admiral Farragut, said a brief wireless from the ship's captain to the local office of the Pacific steamship. The message gave no details or cause of the woman's act.

HEARING TOMORROW. WASHINGTON (AP)—Public hearing on the nomination of Wallace McCamant, of Oregon, to the federal bench, will be held tomorrow by the senate judiciary committee.

HELEN WILLS WINS. CANNES, France (AP)—Helen Wills won the final round of the metropolitan tennis tournament today, defeating Miss Vlasto, France's second ranking woman player, 6-2, 7-5.

FREIGHTER IN TROUBLE. NEW YORK (AP)—The liner President Roosevelt wireless today that she had lost trace of the British freighter Antioch, after answering an S. O. S. call from her yesterday in mid-Atlantic. The Roosevelt was alongside of the freighter for several hours but lost her in a heavy snow squall. The Antioch carries a crew of 40 men.

LOSES APPEAL. WASHINGTON (AP)—Isaac Wolfgang, convicted in Los Angeles of murdering a policeman who attempted to arrest him for stealing a bottle of milk, today lost his appeal in the supreme court.

U.S., Europe Entertain World in Broadcast Test

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—For an hour Sunday night North America put on a radio entertainment with the world as audience and then sat back and listened as South America and Europe took the spotlight in the opening of the third international broadcasting week.

At 10 p. m. eastern time, foreign broadcasting stations and those in South America shut down, giving the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba and Porto Rico rulership of the air.

During this hour Londoners were given an opportunity to dance to American jazz imported by radio from station WMIA, New York. At the hotel Metropole, London, Eric Palmer, city editor, was the mayor of Lima and Miles Poindecker, United States ambassador to Peru, and music from Oa-X and music from LOW, LOX and LOZ, Buenos Aires.

The foreign programs included Spanish instrumental music from Barcelona; vocal solos and instrumental music from the English stations 2-LO, 4-BM and 1-XX; soloists in now working out plans to construct a plant which is expected to be in operation by July 15. This plant would utilize the small fragments which come from cutting the marble by turning them into landfill. The marble is rich in calcium oxide and since the Wallowa lands are in need of lime the output of the plant would be in local demand, he said.

BLACK MARBLE GIVEN PRAISE

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—The best deposit of black marble in the country and one which is of a quality, declared by stone cutters, to be even superior to the Belgium deposits, is located near Enterprise, Giles Pass, Wallowa county commissioner and farmer, declared here while attending last week's state convention of county officials.

Plas, who carries polished samples of the marble, said his company is now working out plans to construct a plant which is expected to be in operation by July 15. This plant would utilize the small fragments which come from cutting the marble by turning them into landfill. The marble is rich in calcium oxide and since the Wallowa lands are in need of lime the output of the plant would be in local demand, he said.

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MANY FEATURE FILMS COMING

News of interest to picture-goers of La Grande comes with the announcement that the Sherry theater has secured a program of 27 features from Cecil B. DeMille, Al Christie, Metropolitan Pictures corporation, Marshall-Nolan, Renard Hoffman, and A. H. Sebastian, released through Producers Distributing corporation. This group of big productions has been acclaimed in the motion picture industry as the cream of the independent production to be made this season. H. G. Trull, of the theater states:

"The De Mille specials will include 'The Road to Yesterday' and 'The Volga Boatman' while the Christie productions will include 'Seven Days', a hilarious comedy, 'Madam Belva', and 'The Champion Lover.' De Mille's studios will furnish 'Hell's Highway', 'The Coming of Amos', 'The Wedding Song', 'Red Dye', 'Three Faces East', 'Eyes Leadway', 'Brayheart', 'Silence', 'Made For Love' and 'The Un-

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Financial Statement Is Given by City Recorder

New Spring Merchandise

In the middle of winter everyone begins to think of spring. New spring hats and clothes are in evidence before the snows are gone. Stores are already receiving large quantities of new spring merchandise.

Watch their announcements of new things in Observer advertisements. They will be able to tell you what is new, what is practical, what is economical. Their ads are evidence of their good faith—the confidence that can be placed in them and their goods. It's always safe to do business with a man who advertises consistently.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

With the completion of the financial statement of the city by J. E. Starnes, city recorder, for the past year, with assets and liabilities listed at \$1,172,628.88, it's interesting to note that La Grande started the year of 1925 with \$258,421.77 cash on hand, with water system valued at \$181,600, sewer system worth \$52,399, a library valued at \$15,099 and a city building appraised at \$20,000.

Table with 2 columns: Assets and Amount. Items include City building, Riverside Park, Library, Furniture and fixtures, City building, Furniture and fixtures, Library, Books and magazines, Water system, Material, Equipment, B. C. P. L. equipment, Sewer.

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Louise Sues, film actress, has used the estate of Thomas H. Rice for \$105,000. See charge book of contract on several occasions.