

BAKER AND
LA GRANDE
JOIN HANDSChambers of Commerce
Unite in Luncheon
Held HereE. R. GURNEY MAIN
SPEAKER AT MEETPraises Both Cities,
Pointing Out Great Re-
sources—Says Competi-
tion Will Not Hurt.

Joint praise for Baker and La Grande and prediction of great days ahead for both cities, was expressed today by E. R. Gurney, of Baker, main speaker at the chambers of commerce luncheon held here with 26 delegates from the copper city joining hands with the local organization in a good fellowship luncheon.

Mr. Gurney, a witty and interesting speaker, made plain that Baker and La Grande had much in common and upon their development rests the development of the entire Blue Mountain region. Both cities, geographically situated so as to form strategic points in this district, have the best climatic condition in the world, the most magnificent scenic attractions in the country, a growing commercial outlook, and an historical heritage that ranks high. Mr. Gurney declared.

With La Grande as a central point of a circle 200 miles across, including Baker, Wallawa, Lake, North Powder lakes, no greater galaxy of scenery can be found in the United States, he pointed out.

Great Natural Resources. Commercially, besides the mill-roads, lumbering industry, agriculture, and the like, both cities have a brilliant outlook, he said, largely because of the immense natural resources including billions of feet of merchantable timber and vast deposits of ore, ranging from copper to iron and from silver to gold.

He predicted that a time will come when the Blue Mountain region will rank as the greatest min-

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EXPENDITURES
UNDER BUDGET

Following announcement a few days ago that the city government had stayed well within the budget allowance for the year of Dec. 1, 1924 to Dec. 1, 1925, the city officials today issued figures showing that during the month of December, 1925—the first month of the present "budget year"—the same record was maintained.

The budget allowance was \$13,209.71 and actual expenses totaled \$14,987.44, leaving the city \$2,222.23 under the budget allowance for that period. The expenditures included \$2,500 for a new caterpillar purchased last year and \$2,872 on final payment on the city hospital.

Allens Celebrate 61st
Wedding AnniversaryNew
Spring
Merchandise

In the middle of winter every-one 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—their confidence that even he placed in them and their goods. It's always safe to do business with a man who advertises consistently.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Must Hang



Isaac Wolfenzon, of San Francisco, is to hang. He killed a policeman who caught him stealing a bottle of milk, and yesterday the U. S. supreme court sustained his conviction.

BOYS, KNIGHTS
JOIN AT MEET

Approximately 150 people were present last evening when the Cross lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias entertained the sons and boy friends of the knights at the K. P. hall. After the opening of lodge prayer was given by the lodge prelate, H. C. Buckwalter. Those present sang "The Star Spangled Banner," which was followed by the address of Welcome by H. K. Dixon.

Mrs. Harley Dray sang two numbers, "The Prisoners Song" by Guy Massey and "Pat of My Gracie Day" by Plantillas, accompanied by Miss Eva Provost, which were well received. Mrs. Fred Wells dancing class (Misses Sally and Judy Stogart, Jane Stange, Teila House and Teila, and Glad Ashley) appeared in two dances. Miss Lois Nelson accompanied them at the piano during the first dance and Virgil Cavanaugh was accompanist for the second number.

Dr. W. T. Play gave an interesting talk. His subject was "Formation of Habits." Miss Ethel

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WALMER TO FACE
GRAND JURY FOR
WHIPPING CHILD

A neighborhood feud that started with a quarrel among some children living down by the highway, ended with a grand jury indictment today for the whipping of a child.

Walmer is accused of whipping a nine-year old daughter of his neighbor.

He was bound over to the grand jury, on bonds set by Justice Hugh E. Brady at \$250. Walmer received the bonds and was released.

Three Fined Total of \$70 in Municipal Court

Three young men were found guilty last night in the municipal court of loitering on the streets after midnight. Judge C. M. Humphreys fined Dick Mooney \$30, William Shanks \$10, and Howard Williams \$10.

Ye Old Tyme
Dance To Be
Staged HereNeighborhood Club Making
Extensive Plans for
Affair to Be Given on
February 3.

Detroit may have her Henry Ford; La Grande is going to scholastic with the Neighborhood club. So clear the floor of shuffling Charlestonians. Bring on the fiddlers, the "champeen" callers and brush up on quadrille.

The first oldtime ball will be Wednesday evening, Feb. 3, at Zuber hall. There will be fiddling contests and endurance tests for the callers. There will be hornpipes and polkas, two-steps and three-steps, waltzes and reels.

Mr. A. B. Hunter has a committee of half a hundred clubwomen working out the program for the series. If La Grande is to fall in line with the old-dance craze that prevails in concentric waves from Michigan, they are determined to start the town off on the right foot.

Fiddlers will be invited from all the country round to timber up their wrists and elbows on "Rock-anus Traveler" and "Old Zip Coon." Big-voiced callers will sound the signal for "Do-It-Do." Suitable prizes will reward the persevering, the committee says.

Yakima crowded her largest hall with 2,000 dancers and spectators when the first oldtime ball was given there a few nights ago. Walls Walke's dance had an attendance of 4,000. The Neighborhood club chose the largest hall in town. If the crowd overflows, the parties will be given outdoors.

LEGION COMEDY
OPENS TONIGHT

The curtain will rise at the Legion theater tonight on a musical comedy that the American Legion promises will demonstrate new triumphs in amateur theatricals.

Practically every seat in the house had been reserved by moon today for the first performance. A few good seats are still to be had for the show Wednesday night, but they are expected to be taken up before 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Dress rehearsal on the stage this afternoon revealed a rollicking production, one that surpasses the legions, who recall that only a few days ago not a part had been assigned, a song or a dance-step taught.

"The Whirl of the Toga"—That is what the senator calls the metropolitan excitement into which his election plunges him — is a almost pure comedy, with just a touch of pathos to lighten the effect.

Judge Hugh E. Brady carries the lead in so far as lines are concerned. Other leading parts are played by Miss Myrtle Black, as his daughter, Elwood Williams, as his son, and Elwood Williams, as his son.

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Grade School Tossers
Play Thursday Night

The initial grade school basketball game—an event that the youthful tossers have anticipated with gleeful excitement ever since the maple floor was opened to them shortly before the holiday vacation—will be played at the high school gymnasium Thursday at 7:30 p. m. eighth graders from Central and Riveria districts competing.

Every Saturday has found these young enthusiasts ready for their scheduled practice hours. B. F. Hummel has provided the coaching, and Coach Thornton Bennett, who acts as supervising mentor, has been heard to say that the boys were dispelling his worries about future basketball material.

If the youngsters play with as much zest as they have put into their practice games, the contest Thursday evening will be sport for the basketball fans.

Missing Girl Found at
Hot Lake Last Night

A Miss Oliver, 25, a deaf mute, who stayed from her home here Sunday evening, was found at 9:30 o'clock last night at Hot Lake, police officers said today.

Miss Oliver, who packed her personal belongings before leaving, was first missed early Sunday evening and an immediate search was commenced. No trace of her was found however until last night. Hot Lake authorities, on the watch for her, recognized her when she arrived there and put her to bed, then notifying La Grande.

Officers believe she was on her way to Baker and had spent most of the time dodging cars, fearing discovery.

VOLUME OF
WATER IS
INCREASEDCity Well Producing Ap-
proximately 58,000
Gallons a DayDRILLERS 915 FEET
BELOW SURFACETemperature of Water,
Fresh from Outlet, Is
62 Degrees Fahrenheit
at Present.

A check this morning by City Manager W. C. Crews showed that the city's deep well, being drilled near the Second street viaduct for the purpose of augmenting the water supply for local consumption, is now yielding approximately 40 gallons of water a minute at the surface.

Figuring out the amount produced in 24 hours shows that approximately 58,000 gallons of water are being delivered at the surface by the well each day.

The water is clear, has no taste of mineral matter at present although scientific tests have not yet been made, and has a temperature of 62 degrees Fahrenheit.

The workers are still going deeper and drilling will be continued until a flow that will furnish a satisfactory volume is encountered. Mr. Crews declares. In the beginning, he says, the plans were to sink the well at least 100 feet deep. At present the well is down 915 feet, or more than 100 feet further than when the first flow, amounting to approximately five gallons a minute—was brought in.

Haughen Bill Passed
By The House Today

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press)—The Haughen bill to establish a cooperative marketing division in the department of agriculture passed the house today. The measure now goes to the senate.

It carries an appropriation of \$225,000 to accomplish the work of the new division during its first year.

Second Semester Well
Under Way in Schools

The second semester began Monday with 1450 pupils enrolled in the four grade schools. There were 1254 children in school when the first semester opened in September, and 65 of them were graduated from the eighth grade when the term closed last week. That makes the total gain over last semester equal 181.

Central school, with 554, has the largest enrollment. But Greenwood, with 490—an increase of 44 over last term—has made the greatest gain. Riveria now has 294 pupils, and Willow has 192.

Hard Labor



Dr. Arvid Silverberg of Seattle, said to be the last alleged draft evader to be prosecuted in America, was found guilty by court martial and sentenced to three years at hard labor. He says he never received notice to report for service.

First Picture of Durkin and His Captor



NEA

(By Airmail to The Observer)

This exclusive photograph shows Martin Durkin, Chicago gunman, just after his arrest in St. Louis. He is at the right, seated beside Edward Dowd, department of justice agent, who was one of the two detectives who entered his Pullman apartment and overpowered him before he could get his gun out.

INDICT SIXTY
IN RUM RING

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press)—Thirteen members of the coast guard and 48 other individuals were indicted today by a federal grand jury investigating an alleged bootlegging syndicate headed by "Bill" Dyer, former race track owner. Nine coast guardsmen are still in active service.

The grand jury spent six weeks investigating the alleged rum ring, which federal officers said controlled 18 ocean steamers in the rum running business.

TALL MEN WANT
AWNINGS HIGHER
THAN THEIR HATS

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Members of the Klamath Falls branch of longfellow last night submitted an ordinance to the city council compelling all awnings to be at least seven and a half feet above the sidewalk.

The city fathers passed the proposal to the second reading, with all indications that it will be finally passed next Monday night.

Councilman Baskin, five feet four inches tall, said he favored an ordinance forcing all awnings to be at least seven and a half feet above the sidewalk. He said he himself wouldn't fear the heat of their trousers as they walked along the streets.

Yokel and Karasick
Draw in Eugene Match

EUGENE, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Mike Yokel, light heavyweight champion wrestler, and Al Karasick, of Oakland, who lost the title to Yokel recently, wrestled to a draw here last night. Each got one fall.

Helen Wills Continues
String of Victories

CANNES, France (By The Associated Press)—Helen Wills, American tennis champion, continued her unbroken string of victories since her arrival in France today by defeating Miss Benoit, 6-1, 6-0.

SALVATION ARMY CROWDS
TO HEAR THE REV. MR. HALL

Tonight's camp meeting under the big trees of the Salvation Army hall will be in charge of the Rev. J. A. Hall, pastor of the Methodist church south.

The revival, which has been in progress now for more than two weeks, has yielded a total of 30 converts. Envoys J. C. Barker said this morning. Ten children between the ages of eight and 12 gathered at the altar Sunday afternoon.

At the prayer meeting last night, gratitude for the success of the campaign was voiced. The meetings will continue as long as the attendance indicates high interest, the commander announced.

Central Point Man Candidate

OREGON CITY, Ore.—George G. Randall of Central Point, five miles south of Oregon City, announced his candidacy for the nomination of county judge on the republican ticket.

Physician's
Skill Saves
Life of ManCleveland Manufacturer,
Dead for Several Min-
utes, on Way to Health
Today.

CLEVELAND, O. (By The Associated Press)—Apparently dead for several minutes, Earl F. Hanscrum, manufacturer, is on the way to health today because a surgeon took a chance and had the skill to carry his bold decision through.

Hanscrum's heart failed during an operation for appendicitis. His physician made an incision beneath the patient's heart, reached in and massaged the organ. Slowly the heart action resumed and the surgeon completed the operation.

Two Portland Women
Commit Suicide Today

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Two Portland women committed suicide by taking poison today.

One woman, dressed entirely in black, was found dead in a vacant home by prospective renters. She is 45 and unidentified.

The other victim is Miss Josephine Newell, 30, who has been ill for several years.

Rescues Sister And
Children from Flames

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Fred Allen, awakened in a rooming house today by flames licking past his window, rescued his sister and three children before the building was destroyed.

Almost overcome by smoke in bringing his sister out, Allen rushed back in and rescued the children, all under six years of age, and then he collapsed. Firemen revived him.

New Oil Field Opened

WINFIELD, Kan. (AP)—A new oil field six miles south of Dexter, Kan., this county, was believed opened over the weekend when the J. N. Day test, drilled by S. H. E. company came in for a 100-barrel producer. The well has 45 feet of Permian sand and is a rank wildcat.

Unlicensed Autos Tagged

MAINTHELD, Ore.—State Traffic Officer Williams, Deputy Sheriff Malchorn and other county officers were tagging automobiles in this section and issuing warnings to those who have failed to obtain licenses.

Kills Husband for Wife

PALERMO, Italy—Giacomo Lechi confessed to the police that he murdered Capt. Luigi Carosio for a small sum of money promised him by his victim's wife.

Pleads For Wife's Slayer

LONDON—Alfred Kopach, aged 18, was saved from hanging for the murder of Mrs. Beryl Thornton by a petition signed by the husband of his victim.

XTRA

HUPEH PEOPLE STARVING
HANKOW, China (AP)—It is estimated that a million persons out of an 8,000,000 population are starving in the province of Hupeh. In the Hunan province a smaller proportion of the population is in distress. There are plentiful supplies of foodstuffs in Hunan but the railway tie-up caused by the military situation prevents sending relief to the stricken areas.SENATE APPROVES FIRST
OF COURT RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON, (AP)—In the first vote on the world court reservations, the senate approved 89 to 1 the first of the Swanson reservations, saying the United States accepts no legal connection with the league of nations. So many senators want to take up the court and other subjects that proposed leaders gave up hope of reaching a final vote before tomorrow. The second resolution providing the United States have a voice in the selection of judges, passed 83 to 8.

AP WIRES AFFECTED

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The Associated Press wires in Oregon were affected here to some extent today by an aurora borealis. Dispatches received here indicated disturbed wire communications throughout most of the United States.

WANTS MITCHELL PROBE

WASHINGTON, (AP)—An investigation of the Mitchell court martial case with a view to revising the laws concerning military courts was proposed today in a resolution by Representative Connally, Democrat, of Texas.

DISTRICT APPROVED

REDSBORO, Ore. (AP)—Formation of the Eugene highway improvement district was approved by an overwhelming majority at an election yesterday.

Around The World On
The Liner "Belgenland"

This is the first of a series of articles written by A. B. Cherry, of La Grande, now touring the world on the Belgenland. Other articles will follow at intervals. Editor's note.

(By A. B. Cherry)

It is more than a thousand miles from Havana to Panama and only by looking at the map can one be convinced that you go through the canal south and east from the Atlantic to the Pacific instead of south and west as most everyone thinks.

Thursday morning, December 2, everyone was up at six o'clock to see our entrance into the canal. The city of Colon was passed on our left as we steamed into the canal at eight miles an hour. We passed through Gatun locks, Gatun lake, Culebra cuts, Pedro Miguel locks and Miraflores locks into the harbor of Balboa. Gatun lake in the canal is full of thousands of islands. Along the canal we passed the little thatched houses of the natives on the plantations where they grow bananas, pineapples, coconuts, sugar cane, dates and tropical fruit.

Canal's Course Not Straight

Two things impressed me very much in the canal. I had thought there was long stretches of straight

S. O. S. CALLS
SENT FROM
3 VESSELSTwo Freighters and One
Unidentified Ship Are
in DistressLINERS PLOW ON
TOWARDS SAFETYAtlantic Ocean Buffeted
by Storm, Imperiling
Lives and All Smaller
Craft.

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press)—Three steamships are in distress today as the result of a storm in the Atlantic ocean, and at least 12 liners, including the Leviathan and Aquatania are battling towards port with nearly 6,000 passengers aboard.

The ships in distress are the British freighters Antiope and Lariston and an unidentified vessel near the Panama canal.

When the President Roosevelt launched a life boat yesterday to take off the crew of the Antiope two sailors of the rescue crew lost their lives when the lifeboat crashed against the Antiope.

After the failure of the rescue the Antiope drifted helplessly with the boats and wireless gone and the waves flooding her holds. The Lariston sent out S. O. S. calls last night and a German steamer, the Bremen, is racing to her aid. The Antiope has a crew of 40 men and the Lariston is manned by 20.

STORM IN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO (By The Associated Press)—The weather bureau today reported a big disturbance is forming in the North Pacific ocean, which is expected to bring rains and wind to the Pacific coast within the next three days.

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JAPANESE MOB
SLAYS SAILOR

TOKIO (By The Associated Press)—Dispatches from Hakodate say that an American, John Burnham, was attacked by a Japanese mob Sunday and died yesterday of injuries.

It is reported that Burnham, a stoker on the West Okawa, which is undergoing repairs after being disabled crossing the Pacific, quarreled with an interpreter, whom he struck, and thereupon the mob attacked the American with clubs.

PROBABLY JOHN J. VERNON

PORTLAND, Ore. (By The Associated Press)—Federal officers having an official list of the West 610's persons expressed the opinion today that the stoker reported killed by a Japanese mob was John J. Vernon and not John Burnham.

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cuts in the canal, very narrow, and the electric mules pulled the ships through these places, but there are no straight places. It winds and curves around all the way and the electric mules are used only at the locks. The narrowest point in the canal is three hundred feet and two ships pass easily. The locks are double and ships going and coming are handled at the same time. The other thing I expected to see was long deep barren cuts such as we see at home when the highway has made a deep cut through the mountains. Instead, the cuts have in the two years or more, grown over with grass and tropical shrubs down to the water's edge and it is almost impossible in places to tell where a cut was made. The canal is a wonderful example of America's greatness and every American should see it.

As we passed along we saw on the shore the Panama railroad trains, crossing from ocean to ocean, the beautiful buildings, lawns and parks belonging to the government, the Gatun dam on the top of which is a nine-hole golf course claimed to be the best kept and first in the world.

It was a very warm morning on

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