

800 ENJOY "WHIRL O' TH' TOWN"

Legion's Three-Act Comedy Delights Local Theater Goers

MUSICAL NUMBERS WELL RENDERED

Pretty Chorus Girls and Peppy Country Fun-Makers Add Spice to Rollicking Show.

Some 750 to 800 people witnessed the first presentation of "Whirl o' th' Town," a musical comedy in three acts, last night by the American Legion Post No. 42 of La Grande.

The theater-goers who crowded the Arcade for the opening night unanimously voted the show one of the funniest and most entertaining given here by local talent in many moons.

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Brady Central Feature. Hugh E. Brady, an Andrew...

the rollicking comedy and is supported by a cast of 24 players. His interpretation of a county legislator, ably augmented by his cohorts—Lem Tucker, "private secretary" (Archie Clark), Tammarok Hankinson, detective (Bob Russell), Toyle Knott, an idler (Joe Wilby), Tucker Jenkins, hired man (Doss Williams), Ben Howard, farm boy (Tom Brown), Truly Xaura, the...

BAND DANCES BEGIN FRIDAY

Beginning Friday night, the La Grande municipal band, will launch a series of monthly band dances in Zacher hall.

Members of the band state that that organization is now approximately \$400 in debt for instruments and other items and is anxious to get the amount paid before summer.

La Grande People View Famed Hawaiian Islands

This is the second of a series of articles written by A. B. Cherry, of La Grande, now touring the world on the S. S. Belvidere. Other articles will follow at intervals.

(By A. B. Cherry)

When we arrived at the Ambassador hotel in Los Angeles we found Mrs. Chambers (Nina Hunstock) who lived with us in La Grande years ago. Many in La Grande will remember her. When leaving this city we had the first thrill of the trip. The ship had left the dock about half an hour before we were to start.

When we docked Saturday evening at San Francisco we had left behind thirty-five hundred of the thirty thousand odd miles of the world voyage. Here we received our telegrams and mail and set up until 11 o'clock reading our newspaper home. On entering our stateroom again we found it filled with

Art Contest Finals Due January 30

Participants Will Gather Here to Prepare Essays to Be Judged in Portland.

The art essay contests that are being conducted throughout the high schools of Union county will culminate in an all-county contest in La Grande Saturday, January 30.

High schools have been permitted to conduct their preliminaries in the manner they think best suited to their conditions. The finals will be governed by strict rules agreed by contest committee of the Neighborhood club, and announced to the schools by Mrs. E. P. Mossman, chairman.

Contestants will be assigned to a room, where, without assistance from notes or outsiders they will write their essays on the "Blue Boy" picture by Gainsborough.

The essays, registered by number only, will then be sent to a judging committee in Portland, where credit will be allowed according to the following scale:

For English—penmanship, spelling, composition and appearance of manuscript—20 points

For treatment of the artist—nationality, time in which he worked, early influences and training—20 points

For description of the picture—composition or design as shown in line, form and color—20 points

For history of the picture—20 points

For the student's reaction to the picture—20 points

Two prizes, one a \$50 scholarship offered by Dr. W. T. Poy and the other a cash award of \$20 given by the Union county chamber of commerce, are waiting for the winners.

Saturday night will see the final...

State Officials Visit Knights Templar Lodge

Approximately 70 Knights Templar were present last evening when three state officers of the lodge made an official visit to Eastern Oregon Commandory No. 6. A banquet was served at 6 o'clock, after which addresses were given by George T. Cochran, grand commander of the Knights Templar of Oregon, M. L. Myers, its director general for the state, of Salem, and D. R. Cheney, grand recorder of the lodge, of Portland, during the evening the order of the temple was conferred upon E. C. Knudt.

This evening the three men will make their official visit to the Baker Knights Templar.

Oldest Steel Bridge In County Is Repaired

The old steel bridge on the county road near the Grange, Grange River, between upper and lower Pray is being repaired this week by the county bridge crew.

The bridge was first built about 15 years ago.

Men of Christian Church Plan Banquet

Men of the Christian church will meet Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock for their annual banquet, it is announced today by the committee in charge of the dinner, which will be held in the church. Seventh and Pennsylvania streets.

New Star



Miss Mary Lasker, daughter of Albert D. Lasker, former chairman of the U. S. shipping board, has been offered the role of the Madama in "The Miracle," now playing in St. Louis. She will accept if her father consents.

DISMISS MANY DIVORCE CASES

Story-book endings for 20 of more marital unhappiness that dissolved unhappy couples into the divorce court in Union county during the last few years were disclosed when Judge J. W. Knowles dismissed that many abandoned divorce cases from the docket this morning.

The sparsely docket underwent preliminary hearing at the periodic reading, 28 cases being dismissed, and 42 others referred to the interested attorneys with notice.

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GRADE TOSSERS GAME ATTRACTS MUCH INTEREST

Surprises in the way of teamwork and co-ordination are in store for basketball fans who attend the first game between the Central and the Riveria eighth grade boys at the gymnasium Thursday at 7:30 p. m. The boys, who have kept in touch with the grade school games.

Charles Thomson Bennett, who has supervised the coaching through R. P. Hunschell, has trained the youngsters to the same system that he uses with the high school boys. And while the players are only from 12 to 14 years of age, they have attained a degree of skill that looks promising for future La Grande basketball games. Ray Lynch will referee.

Two Business Houses Closed During Week

Two business houses in Wallawa county have been closed during the past few weeks and their merchandise and fixtures have been offered for sale, by sealed bids, by R. L. Shubin, trustee. The total inventory of one store, the McCully Mercantile company of Joseph, is \$14,928.22 and the fixtures amount to \$2222.50.

The inventory of the other concern, the Enterprise Mercantile and Milling company, amounts to \$29,802.29 and the fixtures \$4552.50.

Scarlet Fever Case Prevents Gathering

The fathers' night program of the Willow Parent-Teacher association—postponed from January 8, when a case of scarlet fever appeared in the school, and later announced for January 23—is again deferred by an outbreak of the disease among the pupils.

Discovery of a second case Tuesday was followed by fumigation of the building last evening. On the advice of Dr. A. J. Richardson, health officer, and Dr. R. P. Landis, president of the board of education, it was decided to omit public meetings in the district for a time.

East Oregon Opening To Land Seekers

Arthur Foster, Manager of the State Settlement Movement, Reports on Blue Mountain Trip.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Looking forward to the opening of Northeast Oregon to new settlers, an enthusiastic interest is being taken at the present time by the Blue Mountain region counties in land settlement work for the ensuing year.

Arthur Foster, manager of the land settlement department of the Portland chamber of commerce has just returned for a three day trip into this section of the state and reports a lively interest, particularly in Wallawa and Union counties.

On Tuesday last, Mr. Foster met with the Union county chamber of commerce at La Grande, and in the evening of the same day attended a meeting with the Union county agricultural committee at Hot Lake.

On Wednesday, January 26th, the Federal land office, the secretary and directors of the chambers of commerce of Union, Baker, Ematilla, Wallawa and Malheur counties were held at Baker City. Mr. Foster was speaker at the noon luncheon and talked on land settlement work.

On Thursday, January 21st, a meeting was held with the Wallawa chamber, at Enterprise.

Mr. Foster reports that Wallawa county is greatly in favor of the state wide development plan for new settlers. Interest is also being taken in Baker and Union counties for the formation of new irrigation districts in that section.

"More than ever before the land settlement idea has hit Eastern Oregon," said Foster. "Incredible perhaps that a Miami breeze has wafted its way to the Pacific Northwest, yet the great land east of the Cascades is awakening to the fact that there are millions of acres of wonderful soil within its borders to be reclaimed and redeveloped. We are looking forward to a great year for Oregon."

On Saturday, T. J. McLehlon, project manager and secretary of the Tumalo irrigation district of Josephine county, and E. M. Wright, president, were in Portland for a conference with the Federal land settlement committee. They report a wonderful progress in that recently opened district of Central Oregon and state that they have secured a great deal more land having state contract.

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FRONK BROKE, ILL IN CHICAGO

LOS ANGELES, (By The Associated Press)—J. K. Fronk, object of a nation-wide search on charges of swindling Los Angeles banks out of more than \$200,000, today is lost in the maze of Chicago's underworld, penitentiaries, friends, and critics. It is announced today by the sheriff's office.

Details of Fronk's flight from Los Angeles to Seattle, Portland, and Chicago are revealed with the announcement that Charles Campbell, fugitive's chauffeur, was located and has been adding in the search for Fronk.

City Treasurer Makes Report For Past Year

City Treasurer Emma Fowler today made public her report for the year 1925, which showed that during that period a total of \$798,855.82 was handled through her office. Cash on hand Jan. 1 this year was \$255,421.77.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes revenues for water rents, electrical permits, dog licenses, plumbing permits, building permits, licenses, sidewalk permits, moving permits, fines and forfeits, franchises, and public bank (taxes 1914-17) and advertising.

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MITCHELL RESIGNS FROM ARMY

Convicted Air Officer Sends Letter to Headquarters Today

ACCEPTANCE NOT DECIDED UPON YET

If Coolidge Okehs Colonel's Action, Friends Believe He Will Make Lecture Tour.

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—Colonel William Mitchell resigned today from the United States army.

The convicted air officer, under sentence of five years suspension from the army because of his criticism of the government's aviation policies, got his resignation in this sentence.

"I hereby resign as an officer of the United States army to take effective February 1, 1926."

His letter was addressed to the adjutant general of the army. Whether his resignation will be accepted has not been determined. The final decision will rest with President Coolidge.

May Continue Crusade. Mitchell's friends believe if his resignation is accepted he will accept an offer to continue the crusade for reorganization of national defense on the lecture platform.

According temporarily to the advice of friends, Mitchell withheld yesterday submission of his resignation, which he otherwise probably would have started on its way to President Coolidge.

The colonel's first day under suspension from rank, command and duty with pay allowance reduced to \$297.67 a month for five years, passed almost without incident.

He conferred with Representative Frank R. Reid, Republican, of Illinois, chief defense counsel during the courtmartial trial, and with other friends, and it was late in the day before any decision was reached respecting a resignation.

Ex-Kaiser Celebrates 67th Birthday Today

DOORN, Holland (By The Associated Press).—The black and white Hohenzollern banner floated over the turret of the former kaiser's residence here today in honor of his 67th birthday and a constant stream of messengers entered, bearing huge baskets of flowers tied with Dutch and German colors. The ex-kaiser and his wife, the Princess Hermine, emerged from the lodge for a walk through the village.

PAPER LAMENTS

BERLIN (By The Associated Press).—The former kaiser's birthday anniversary today brings a gloomy banquet from the Deutsche Zeitung, tonight organ, that von Hindenburg's presidency has not realized hopes for a return of the monarchy.

SUNLIGHT AIDS BRAINS

LONDON.—Sunlight stimulates brain-work, according to the results of experiments upon a group of children here.

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Senator Coleman Blease



Senator Coleman Blease, from South Carolina, who is now classed as the leading "anti" in the capitol. He took a leading part in opposition to the world court movement now before the senate.

COPS SEEKING OSBORNE WOOD

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (By The Associated Press).—Former lieutenant Osborne Wood, son of Major General Leonard Wood, whose meteoric financial and marital adventures are widely known, today is being sought by Palm Beach county officers on charges of having passed worthless checks. Miami hotels have been searched and a sharp lookout is being kept along the south coast of Florida.

The charges were filed by a Palm Beach national detective agency late yesterday with the sheriff. The agency said it had been informed Wood had left for Havana.

WOOD INDIGNANT

HAVANA (By The Associated Press).—Osborne Wood, son of Major General Wood, at the Sevilla Billmore hotel today said he knew nothing of the charges against him of passing worthless checks in Florida, and declared he would go immediately to Palm Beach to straighten matters out.

FIRE FATAL TO FIVE PERSONS IN METROPOLIS

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press).—Five persons lost their lives in two tenement house fires today.

A mother and her three children burned to death in one and a man died from suffocation in the other.

Pershing Starts Trip From Arica to America

SANTIAGO, Chile (By The Associated Press).—General Pershing is sailing for the United States on the cruise Deane late today, after a meeting of the Tacna-Arica plebiscitary commission. His place as neutral chairman is being taken by Major General William Loring.

Connecticut Governor To Be Coolidge's Guest

HARTFORD, Conn. (By The Associated Press).—Governor and Mrs. Trumbull will be guests of President and Mrs. Coolidge in Washington next week.

The invitation extended to the Trumbulls recalls the friendship which has sprung up between Miss Joan Trumbull and John Coolidge, the president's son.

XTRA

AND THE HORSE DIED!

LONDON (AP).—The Prince of Wales' horse dropped dead under him today while the prince was hunting at Melton, Mobery. The prince sustained a slight bruise, but was otherwise uninjured.

COURT VOTE NEARS

WASHINGTON (AP).—The senate squared away today for a final decision on American entrance into the world court. There appeared little likelihood that the resolution of adherence would fail to receive the necessary two-thirds majority. The disposition of the score of reservations proposed by individual senators is all that barred the way to an immediate session.

FIRE HITS OAKRIDGE

EUGENE, Ore. (AP).—Fire, believed started from an overheated stove in the Oakridge hotel at Oakridge, Ore., today destroyed the hotel and corner drug store, and for a time threatened other business buildings. The loss is estimated at \$7,000.

BISHOP GLASS PASSES

LOS ANGELES, (AP).—After an illness of a week the Right Rev. Joseph S. Glass, Roman Catholic bishop of Salt Lake, died here early Tuesday afternoon in St. Vincent's hospital.

FATE OF 54 MEN STILL IS IN DOUBT

Members of Crews of Two Freighters Helpless in Atlantic

BLOW IS MOVING TOWARD OREGON

Weather Bureau Predicts Danger for Shipping in Pacific—Storm Warnings Posted.

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press).—The fate of 54 men, members of the crews of the British freighters Antioch and Laristan, in distress in mid-Atlantic, is still in doubt today.

The German steamer Bremen which yesterday took six of thirty men off the Laristan, was still standing by today, but rough weather prevented the rescue of any more of the Laristan's crew.

The steamer President Roosevelt in a message expressed doubt of the Antioch's ability to keep afloat.

STORM INCREASING

SAN FRANCISCO (By The Associated Press).—The great storm area that mushroomed over a vast expanse of the North Pacific ocean yesterday, increased in size today and is moving toward the coast with considerable speed.

The weather bureau today ordered southwest storm warnings posted along the Oregon and Washington coasts and predicted heavy rains as far south as San Francisco. Winds are already sweeping the northwest coast and the barometer is falling.

'REAL DRAMA' COMING BACK

NEW YORK (By The Associated Press).—Attacking "sex plays" and revues in which nudgy and vulgarities are featured, Channing Pollock, the playwright, forecasts a revolution within the American theater during the next five years which will result in "real drama" coming to the forefront.

The "revolution" had its inception with the Little Theater movement throughout the country, and the organization of the Theater Guild here, Pollock said. He expects it will be carried on by them and the universities, women's clubs, churches and dramatists of the nation.

"With the passing of Augustin Daly and Charles Frohman, the theater lost a large attendance of people who wanted the best in art, because a new group of producers, with different viewpoints, succeeded them," he asserted. "The latter took the position there was no demand for real drama."

"Then came the Theater Guild and proved that there was an audience for the best plays. That the theater should and could be conducted as an art. Until then it was virtually impossible to get a play on Broadway unless it suited the purpose of the producers."

"Now our churches are becoming interested in the theater as

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Southern Solon Ranks High Among Insurgents

(By George Brent) WASHINGTON, (AP).—Specialists in the insurgent movement here in no farmer-brother radical from the middle west, but a son of the conservative old south, Senator Coleman B. Blease, of South Carolina.

For nearly forty years he has been mostly "arm the government" playing a lone wolf game, expatiating discontents.

Probably no other member of the senate has been subjected to such slandering and volubrious criticism as was Blease during his two terms as governor, from 1911 to 1912. Yet for every South Carolinian who thinks into the Belvoir of demagogues, there is another who phrases his confidence by saying, "I'd vote for Coley if I saw him about a sheep."

Typical of the man is his speech in his recent maiden address in the senate:

"I am proud of the fact that I am the only man from a southern state who is against this league court. I wish every senator would

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