

STORMS SWEEP SEAS; SHIPS IN TROUBLE

NEW SEWAGE PLANT WORK CONTINUING

Workmen Now Busy on the Sludge Tank, City Manager Reports

HOSPITAL WILL BE OPENED SHORTLY

Commissioners Authorize Increase in Volunteer Fire Department's Personnel.

Reading of the report of City Manager W. C. Crews on the progress of the municipal improvement program authorized by a special election last June, and authorizing fire Chief C. O. Murchison to increase the volunteer fire department personnel featured the meeting of the city commissioners last night.

The work on the septic tank is progressing rapidly. Mr. Crews reported that the sewer is now being laid in the street and the workmen are now on the sludge tank. It is expected that the hospital will be ready for use the latter part of the week.

The city well at present is approximately 315 feet deep with an artesian flow of approximately 40 gallons a minute with a temperature of 55 degrees.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cherry Nearing Japan's Coast

This is the third of a series of stories written by A. B. Cherry, of La Grande, describing a trip around the world on the S. S. Belgeland which he and his wife are now taking. This article will bring a halt to the series until more letters arrive from Mr. Cherry, who agreed, at The Observer's request, to furnish this group of stories.

Winning By Comparison

When an advertiser makes an impartial comparison of the publicity means at his disposal—the cost per inch of reading matter as related to the number of readers—The Observer wins immediate approval by a wide margin.

Its advertising staff advises use of varied advertising means to supplement newspaper space. Intelligent use of direct-mail publicity, for example, is of great value. But the Observer's pulling power is the foundation of successful advertising in this territory. Constant addition of new and increased accounts proves that fact.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service."

Mrs. Gangloff Celebrating Anniversary

La Grande Pioneer Looks Back over 61 Years Residence in Grande Ronde Valley.

Today Mrs. Johanna Gangloff is celebrating her eighty-ninth birthday anniversary. And today, looking out on the teeny life of the valley whose history twins her name so closely with its own, she recalls how desolate she thought its empty acres which she came here with her husband and baby daughter from Olympia, Wash., 61 years ago.

"I didn't want to stay," she laughs softly, as she remembers the first week they spent at a four-roomed shack that served as travelers' inn at Oro Dell.

"The valley was beautiful, but it was lonesome, and I wanted to go back to Olympia.

Remained in Valley. "But we stayed, and after a while the valley came to be home, and I grew to like it better than the coast."

Mrs. Gangloff was born in Germany January 28, 1859. She was a young woman of 22 when the great adventure of crossing the seas to the new world loomed before her as her parents decided to take their family of eight to America to investigate the country that aroused such enthusiasm in the older son who had gone on before.

Didn't Cross Plains. Unlike most of the pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley, Mrs. Gangloff missed the hazardous pilgrimage across the western plains. Instead one and her people elected the continent by boat, crossing at Panama, and skirting the Pacific coast to San Francisco, where they stopped for a few days to view the town.

Their next stop was Portland. The Oregon city was no majestic metropolis in those days.

Portland a Muddy Village. "It was just a muddy little village—so muddy in fact, that we could hardly cross the streets," she says.

On the way to Portland, the European maiden looked with curiosity and pity on the isolated cabins of settlers.

"How very poor they must be," I thought, "to have their houses built by themselves out there in the woods." You see, in Germany the people build their houses in groups or settlements. I was used to seeing families live in such solitary state, and I felt very sorry for them. I never dreamed that someday I would be living just that way!

Mrs. Gangloff's mother had a brother living at Olympia, and so that became her earliest American home.

"It wasn't much of a settlement—mostly Indians and halfbreeds—"

Firemen to Eat Clams On Saturday Evening

The annual clam feed of the La Grande Volunteer Fire department will be held Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the fire department. It is announced today.

Murdered

This is the first photograph of Anna May Dietrich, Norwood, Pa., girl whose legless, headless torso was found near Media, Pa., later her head was found near Philadelphia.



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STOCKMEN IN ANNUAL MEET

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—A number of stockmen from Twain and the surrounding country met here recently for the annual meeting of the local cattle and horse association.

This association was formed in 1918 since which time the members have grazed a considerable amount of stock on the area allotted to this organization in the Powawatic district.

R. H. McGinnis was re-elected president for the coming year. Other officers re-elected follow: E. H. Sherod, vice president; George Brooks, secretary and treasurer; U. A. McCrear, D. H. McGinnis and E. H. Sherod, directors.

Figures available at present indicate that 255 head of cattle and some three-score head of horses have been checked for grazing on the association area during the coming year and it is probable that more stockmen will avail themselves of the opportunity of getting grazing area for their stock before the season opens.

PIRATES WALLOW M. I. A. QUINTE AT UNION, 31-8

The Pirates, a newly formed independent amateur basketball team, played its first game at Union last evening, defeating the Union M. I. A. quintet 31 to 8. The Pirates will play the strong Belts team next week and are angling for a game with the City of Portland.

The lineup last night follows: Black, Gersten, forwards; O. Price, center; Stoddard, McFarl, guards; Williams, Geddes, spares.

Betty Ann Kiddle Is Victim of Diphtheria

Betty Ann, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mertin Kiddle, of Island City, died this noon at their home there of diphtheria, after being ill since yesterday morning. The little girl would have been three years old next May.

Funeral services have not yet been made.

Mrs. Anna H. Ragsdale Passes in Tacoma, Wash.

Word that Mrs. Anna Hadley Ragsdale, a daughter of one of the early pioneer families of this community, is dead in Tacoma, Wash., where she was making her home with a son, has been received here.

The body is to be shipped to La Grande for burial beside the deceased's father and mother and her son, Leo, having, of an earlier marriage. Other details were not included in the message received by friends here.

TAX BILL OPPONENTS WILL FIGHT

Senator Norris Serves Notice He Will Oppose Hasty Action

FEBRUARY VOTE SOUGHT BY SMOOT

Nebraska Solon Doubts That Measure Can Be Handed Before March 15th Tax Payments.

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SHOW SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY

With the first night roundhouse pounded out, "The Wind of the Town" played last night to an audience that fairly duplicated the one that packed the Arcade for the maiden performance Tuesday.

And the technicians, featuring their receipts this morning, noted that the show had cleared them a few dollars less than 700.

The money will be used to pay off the indebtedness of the La Grande post of the American Legion, and if there is a surplus, either for or from the proceeds of future productions—it will be placed in the fund that eventually will build here an armory, Justice Hugh E. Brady, chairman of the legion committee, said this morning.

"We would like to thank the people of La Grande through The Observer for their co-operation and patronage. We solicit their criticisms and suggestions, because—after the reception our first theatrical production received—our plan to give at least one show annually, and we want to keep the support of the people.

The action is planned with the co-operation of the school authorities, who allowed the students in the choruses to attend the daily rehearsals. And we are grateful to the neighborhood club for the use of the clubrooms for practice."

Last evening, when the performance was finished, the Women's auxiliary to the La Grande post entertained the members of the cast and choruses at supper in the basement dining room at Honan hall.

Dr. J. J. Murphy presided with an informal program of toasts, complimenting James W. Evans, the director, and the growers and high school students who contributed to the show.

With captain Evans and musician Judge Brady, Ray Williams, Mr. Evans, Leo Russell and Tom Bruce were speakers.

Wilson Thurston was presented a cash appreciation by Judge Brady for his seat as a ticket salesman.

HIGH WINDS RAGE OVER THE PACIFIC

Large Vessels Are Battling 60-Mile Gale and Heavy Seas

SMALLER CRAFT REMAIN AT PORT

Great Lakes Visited by Terrific Storm—Two Tugs Disappear; Oregon Not Hard Hit.

MUSKEGON (AP Press Time Flash)—Coast guards sighted the two tug late today four miles south of here, a mile off shore. The tugs are drifting with an ice field. No attempt has been made to effect a rescue, as all ships that might aid are icebound.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—A storm so tremendous that its equal has been seen only rarely in these regions is over the North Pacific ocean and coast today, bringing thick snows, raking winds, and drenching rains.

Small shipping is harborbound, bigger vessels are battling 60-mile winds and heavy seas.

FISHING TUGS LOST. MUSKEGON, Mich. (By the Associated Press)—Two fishing tugs, the Helen M. and the Jordon, with eight men aboard, caught in a terrific gale on Lake Michigan, dropped from sight at 2 o'clock this morning.

The tugs had been drifting to the south during the night and a blizzard made it impossible to locate them. Shortly after daybreak a coast guard crew started out in the blizzard in search of the tugs.

STORM SLIGHTS OREGON. PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—While rain had followed the clear weather which prevailed early this week, the storm predicted by the weather bureau had not arrived today at North Head, Wash., near the mouth of the Columbia river, which reported only a 20-mile wind.

Weather officials, however, still expect a disturbance and storm warnings have been ordered along the coast.

Snow started falling during the night here but changed to rain.

WIND HIGH IN VALLEY. The only way the storm area has affected the Grande Ronde valley, apparently, has been in increasing the velocity of winds in this area.

While the winds have been much heavier than usual, no snow or rain has fallen, although forecasts predict either of the two tonight or tomorrow.

La Grande Girls Will Play Before Kreitz

Little Misses Alice Jeanette and Madeline Cooper left this morning for Baker to attend the reception given by Albert Kreitz, noted violinist, who is on a tour in the west. The little girls have been requested to play their violins for Mr. Kreitz this afternoon.

In Baker they and Mr. Kreitz will be the guests of Mrs. Jesse Hopkins.

Miss Jeanette, who is a music pupil of the Sacred Heart academy will be presented in a violin recital here Friday, February 5, at the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Hopkins will have charge of the program. The public is invited to attend.

Helen Wills Defeats Rosine Vlasto, 6-0, 6-2

CANBES, France (By the Associated Press)—Continuing her triumphant march over all opponents in the tennis tournament along the Riviera, Helen Wills, American champion, today defeated Rosine Vlasto in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2.

CUT GASOLINE PRICE

ARKANSAS (By the Associated Press)—Arkansas Oil stations here announced a two-cent cut in the price of gasoline Wednesday and all of the local stations followed suit. The price was cut from 19.8 exclusive of two cents state tax.

Romance In The Movies



William Boyd and Elinor Fair, movie people, played opposite each other in a film that had some very romantic moments—as this picture shows. So, one night while the film was being made, they slipped out and were secretly married.

BUSCH BEATEN IN PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Billy Meecke, light heavyweight wrestling champion of Australia, won two out of three falls from Arthur Busch, of La Grande, in a rough match here last night.

August Busch, who now makes La Grande his home, came here some time ago with an excellent record, with wins from some of the best light heavies in the wrestling game. Busch is an ex-O. A. C. athlete, having played football along with Charles Reynolds.

Many here made his acquaintance during college days.

Meecke, it will be remembered, defeated Mike Yokel, present world's champion, some time ago, although Yokel, kept the belt because the Australian was over weight.

Busch is angling for a title match with Yokel which may be staged in La Grande.

Belgium Says Farewell To Cardinal Mercier

BRUSSELS (By the Associated Press)—Belgium said farewell to Cardinal Mercier today.

With the king as chief mourner, following the coffin on foot, the body was carried through the streets of the capital amid tolling bells, booming minute guns, and strains of funeral marches.

Hundreds of thousands lined the route of the cortege to pay tributes to the prelate.

Wakatsuki Takes Post Left Vacant by Death

TOKYO (By the Associated Press)—Heijiro Wakatsuki today was formally appointed premier after interim by Prince Regent Hirohito Wakatsuki, who was minister of home affairs in the cabinet of Viscount Taki Kato. Wakatsuki takes the place left vacant by the latter's death early today.

MARY TO X-RAY

LONDON—R. G. Blackall died after undergoing 25 operations caused by burns suffered in his X-ray experiments.

MOTOR BIKE BEAT FATAL

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Mrs. Caroline Shaw, who was standing beside a motorcycle that exploded, was fatally buried.

TRADE UNIONS FALL OFF

LONDON—A decrease of 2,500,000 members of British trade unions in three years is shown by latest figures.

LABOR PARTY IN JAPAN

TOKIO—Leaders of the new labor party are to have the assistance of British laborites in their organization work.

PICKPOCKET IN CHURCH

CHICAGO—George Favell apparently failed to profit from going to church. He was arrested for picking pockets there.

CATS BITE FATAL

PALATINE, Ill.—Bitten on the finger by an angry cat, 4-year-old Florence Kenton died in a few hours.

MEMBERS OF CREW TAKEN FROM SHIP

Roosevelt's Four Days of Heroic Struggle End with Triumph

LULL IN STORM IS USED FOR RESCUE

Thirty Ships Still in the Storm Area in Atlantic—Blow Described as Worst in Years.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Four days of heroic struggle and the rescuers took advantage of a lull in the storm, launched a lifeboat, and took off the remaining members of the crew of 25 who were rescued from the freighter whose doom seemed imminent. Twelve men had been rescued late yesterday after the Roosevelt stood by the freighter more than 72 hours in one of the most savage storms ever encountered on the Atlantic ocean.

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The freighter's crew members are very weak and helpless, suffering from hunger, exposure and injuries, the message said, adding that the Antline was still afloat last night constituting a serious menace to navigation.

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PRINCE FALLS; BREAKS BONE

LEICESTER, England (By the Associated Press)—The Prince of Wales suffered a fractured collarbone when he was thrown from his horse today while hunting hounds at Shelton. He returned to London for medical treatment.

The Prince's accident has been the subject of considerable anxiety in England, but there are strong feelings that the heir to the throne should not be so disregarding of his personal safety.

Yesterday the Prince of Wales' horse fell dead beneath him, splitting his royal highness.

World Court News Given First By The Observer

First with local news and first with wire news.

That is the policy that The Observer strives to carry out in its daily editions—and its success is attested to by the scores of "beats" it secures over other papers entering this territory.

For example, take the stories that broke yesterday—passage of the world court resolution by the United States senate, the resignation of Colonel William Mitchell from the army, the trouble encountered by former Lieutenant Osborne Wood, and others.

A 16-Hour Scoop. In the world court story, especially, The Observer scores a neat 16-hour beat on the Idaho Daily Statesman of Boise, the first outside paper arriving here this morning carrying announcement of the senate's action, and a 15-hour beat on the Oregonian, the first Portland paper to arrive here with the story.

The world court vote came late to be carried in the mail edition of The Observer, as it did to be carried in the mail editions of the Portland Journal and Telegram, but most local subscribers received announcement of the final passage of the bitterly-fought resolution more than half a day earlier than they could have by any other newspaper.

The other wire stories carried yesterday scored more than a 15-hour beat on all opposition, just as they do day after day.

Local News First. Locally, The Observer carried several printed columns of news of Union and Wallowa county, far ahead of all competitors—another usual occurrence.

Of course, because of the lateness of the passage, a lengthy story of the world court action could not be printed. The vote of approval was 75 to 17, Republican and Democrats joining in both the affirmative and negative vote. Wednesday's ratification, based on a revised version of the original Swannson resolution, does not automatically take the United States into the court. The reservations adopted first must be submitted by the state department to the other member nations, and each must declare its willingness to admit the new member under the conditions specified. The conditions include a provision against entrance by America into any "entangling alliances" with foreign powers, and a provision that in case of a dispute in which America is a party, the court must not act unless both parties to the controversy give full consent.

COURT AWARDS \$67,000

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press)—Charles Barrett, 45, druggist and candy merchant, yesterday won the largest collectible damage award known in the San Francisco courts when a superior court jury returned a verdict in his favor for \$67,000 damages against the Southern Pacific Railroad. The award was the full amount sued for.