

AUTO INDUSTRY BIG FACTOR HERE

LA GRANDE CENTER OF LARGE AREA

Automobile Dealers Have
from Two to Three
County Territory

SALES FIGURE IS
ABOVE 6,500 MARK

Industry, Employing Ap-
proximately 150 Men,
Has Payroll of \$90,000
to \$100,000.

The automotive industry is now
listed among the most important
sources of La Grande's prosperity
and is one of the big factors in
the city's growth during the past few
years, a survey of conditions today
shows.

From a small beginning, some 20
or more years ago, the industry,
especially during the last decade,
has grown with a rapidity that can
hardly be matched by any other
business located here.

At present, as near as can be fig-
ured, the automobile agencies and
kindred concerns employ 150 or
more men and contribute a payroll
of \$90,000 to \$100,000 monthly to-
ward La Grande's total. In prac-
tically every case, the employ-
ment is "day-off" working stand-
ing the year round.

One of the largest,
aside from the above, La

EXPECT 400 AT BANQUET-BALL

More than 100 places have been
reserved for the banquet and ball
at which the Union county cham-
ber of commerce will install its
1926 officers at the Zuber hall
Tuesday evening, according to Earl
C. Reynolds, secretary, who adds
that an attendance of about 400
men and women is expected.

Reservations are coming in
every mail from the residents of
Union county and from the offi-
cers of the Wallawa county com-
merce chambers and the grand
of this vicinity.

Band Concert To Begin at 4 p.m. Sunday

Satisfied With The Results

Most La Grande business men
who give time and thought to the
planning of their adver-
tising messages to you are ex-
tremely well pleased with the pub-
licity secured.

There are always a few adver-
tisers in every community who
pay little or no attention to their
publicity policy and who
therefore are unable to realize
the utmost on its value. The
Observer's staff, trained and
experienced in advertising prob-
lems, is constantly reducing this
number by helping plan and ex-
ecute advertising that will be
productive.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

L.C. Smith Will Erect New Building

One-Story Brick Struc-
ture to Arise at Corner
of Depot and Washing-
ton Streets.

The ground is now being cleared
for a 20 by 50 one-story brick
store building on the corner of
Depot and Washington. L. C. Smith,
pioneer automobile distributor of
Eastern Oregon, is erecting the
structure and estimates that it will
cost him \$7,000. W. C. Kelley will
be in charge of the work and con-
struction will be started immedi-
ately. Charles B. Miller, local
architect, drew the plans.

Mr. Smith announced this morn-
ing that two wooden buildings now
on the site, which he recently ac-
quired, will be torn down in order
to make way for the modern build-
ing. One of these fronts on Wash-
ington and the other on Depot.

Local business men are of the
opinion that erection of this struc-
ture will be one of the greatest
improvements in the business sec-
tion in several years. "It will do
away with a more or less unsight-
ly corner and incidentally, start a
southward trend in business
growth."

CONVERT PAYS J. J. CARR FOR STOLEN GOODS

In a postpaid envelope in J. J.
Carr's mail Friday morning came a
five-dollar bill and the scribbled
note of a human life that was lifted
from thieves' level to the realm
of the spiritual through conversion
to the gospel of the Nazarene.

The letter ran as follows:
"Dear Sir: Please find en-
closed \$5.00 to cover the price of
goods (\$3.00) with int. stolen from
your store on Nov. 12, 1925.

I found something more than
gold when I found my Savior (Jesus
Christ) last summer here in
Bell, California, and it means a lot
to have a conscience void of all of-
fense toward God and man.

"It is my prayer, dear reader,
that if you have not found your
Savior that you soon will. There
is a difference between believing a
thing with your head and your
heart, and the heart-felt religion
is what this work needs today."

The writer signed himself, "One
who found Him."

Two Candidates for Judge File SALEM, Ore.

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Arthur D. Hay,
Republican, and C. C. Gibbs, de-
mocrat, filed with the secretary of
state here their declarations of
intent for the nomination for the
office of circuit judge of the
14th judicial district, comprising
Lake county, at the primary elec-
tions next May.

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membership campaign was launch-
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expected to secure five new mem-
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the council announced today.



What's Thomas A. Edison doing
of course. For the picture was
birthday—the only day in the year
reporters. Edison spent his 70th

Radio

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Mountain Time Stations.

CFAC, Calgary, Can. (434.5m-
600kc), 11 a. m., First Church of
Christ, Scientist.

KY-F, Colorado Springs, Colo.
(250m-1200kc), 11-1 p. m., First
Methodist church; 7:30-9, First
Methodist church.

KOA, Denver, Colo. (322.4m-
630kc), 11 a. m., service, Sarran
Memorial Methodist Episcopal
church; 3 p. m., music hour, War-
ren Memorial Methodist Episcopal

GRAVE ORANGES; GET SPUDS, JAIL

Three boys, craving oranges,
broke into the basement of the
Ryan Fruit company's building on
Jefferson avenue, at 6:45 p. m.
Friday. There was nothing in the
basement but potatoes, however,
and the youths could not work the
elevator, which was stationed at
first floor, so they gave up the job
and started out by the door. H. W.
Howard, of the city police, caught
them just as they were leaving.

None of the three, Earl Ford,
Herschel Talbot and Alvin George,
is over 16 years of age. Young
George, though, is a second offend-
er. He was one of the trio that rob-
bed the Hemlock grocery about a
month ago.

They were arraigned before
Judge L. G. Couch, at the juvenile
court, this noon. Their hearing
probably will be set for Monday.
They were after a few oranges to
eat, the offenders told Officer
Howard. One of the three broke
through a window and let the
others in at the outside basement
door. A woman, living in the
neighborhood heard the crash of
glass and seeing the youngsters
prowling around the building
turned in an alarm to the police.
The policeman took them in charge
and they decided potatoes were
no substitute for citrus and start-
ed to leave the building.

Prohi Agent Discovers New Alcohol Formula

PHILADELPHIA (City the Associated
Press)—Vinegar is being
used in large quantities by boot-
leggers in the manufacture of syn-
thetic alcohol, John Whitehead,
internal revenue bureau agent, an-
nounced. He has uncovered a
new, cheap process of making al-
cohol and states that the manu-
facture is being conducted on a
large scale over the country and if
not quickly checked will make pro-
hibited enforcement all but im-
possible.

He says with vinegar and two
chemicals obtainable any drug
store alcohol may be made as
cheaply as 50 cents a gallon.

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DOUMERGUE UPHELD

PARIS (AP)—The French sen-
ate today gave the Doumergue
government a vote of confidence
25 to 34 on the government's tax
program.

R. HUNTER WINS RACE FOR SENATE

Representative Announces
His Intentions in
Portland

LOSE RACE IN FINALS EXPECTED

Hunter's Decision to En-
ter Primaries Leaves
His Present Post Un-
filled.

Short H. Hunter, representa-
tive of Union county in the state
legislature, who has been re-elected
several times in the past to this
body by both Democratic and
Republican voters, is being urged
to make the race on the Demo-
cratic ticket for the senate seat
left vacant by the decision of Sen-
ator Bruce Dennis to transfer his
home from La Grande to Portland,
according to news received here
from Portland, where Mr. Hunter
is at present on a business mission.

It is said that Mr. Hunter was
urged to enter the primary con-
test before leaving La Grande for
Portland and a dispatch from the
Rose City says: "Even since com-
ing to Portland, Mr. Hunter has
been requested to run for the sen-
ate instead of for his old seat in
the house and last evening he con-
cluded that he would announce
himself for the place."

Close Contest Foreseen
With Mr. Hunter definitely in
the running, a close contest is ex-
pected in the November elec-
tion as Mr. Hunter is practically
certain to come through in the May
primaries, political observers de-
clared here today. Mr. Hunter's
popularity with both major parties
assures him of a win in the pri-
mary election, it is freely predicted
here.

The representative's decision to
make the race for a seat in the
senate automatically leaves the
way open for candidates who
would succeed him in the house.
No one has been mentioned today
for the position but it is predicted
that several will make their inten-
tion known in the near future.

PRINCE TO DON KILTS LONDON, (AP)—The Prince of Wales will appear in kilts at a festival of the Highland society of London next month.

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Haines Will Serve Year, Judge Rules

Judge Knowles Passes
Sentence on Check For-
ger, Who Will Be Tak-
en to Salem Sunday.

Vernon Haines will be escorted
to Salem tomorrow to begin his 12
months residence at the state peni-
tentiary.

Haines pleaded guilty to a grand
jury indictment of forgery read
to him before Judge J. W. Knowles
Wednesday. Yesterday he ap-
peared for sentence and was given a
one-year term in the state's prison.
Carl G. Helm, district attorney,
and George M. Pierce, special de-
puty, will accompany him to Sa-
lem.

The forging was done January
27, 1926, Haines using the cur-
rent date. The check he wrote
was for \$50 to be drawn on the ac-
count of Mabel Rymerson.

Case to Jury Tonight.
With the defense bringing on
civil engineers to refute the testi-
mony of H. S. Huron and son, of
Cornelius, Ore., who appeared on
the stand yesterday for the plain-
tiffs, the case of the Security Con-
struction company against the Mt.
Emilly Lumber company probably
will run well into the darkness to-
night.

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SHERIFF WILL SELL C. R. OFO.

UNION, Ore. (Special to The
Observer)—The Central Railroad
of Oregon, which has served Un-
ion and Cove for many years—
connecting them with the main
line of the O. & N. at Union
Junction, will be placed under
the sheriff's hammer at 2 p. m.,
March 24, at the court house at La
Grande.

The sale is to satisfy the Ray
Woodbury company who will strive
to secure the payment of a sum
alleged to be due it. The attach-
ment is made under decree, judg-
ment and order of sale made and
entered in La Grande Nov. 4, 1925.
Understood to have been made be-
cause of failure of the local rail-
road to meet obligations due for
certain rolling stock purchased of
the plaintiffs in 1924.

Union people who watch the out-
come of the sale with great inter-
est, hoping that the rail connec-
tion will not come with the change
in ownership.

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BAKER AND LA GRANDE WIN TODAY

Joseph Beaten in First
Game This Morning
by Bulldogs, 23-18

TIGERS WALLOP VALE 47 TO 15

La Grande and Baker Are
Playing This Afternoon
in Most Critical Game
of Semi-Finals.

TODAY'S SCORES
9 a. m.—Baker 23, Joseph 18.
10 a. m.—La Grande 47, Vale 15.
11 a. m.—Wallawa 27, Union 17.

FRIDAY'S SCORES
4:00 p. m.—Baker 25, Vale 22.
5:00 p. m.—La Grande 18, Joseph
25.
7:30 p. m.—Wallawa 41, Day-
ville 14.
8:30 p. m.—Union 19, North-
Powder 17.

(By Nolan Skiff)
By defeating Vale this morning
47 to 15, the Tigers gained some
of their lost prestige and won the
right to play the Tigers under-
dog Baker tonight in the first
game of the semi-finals. There is
no hope on this game although on
paper Baker seems the better
team.

Baker won back all her laurels
this morning when she walloped
Joseph 23 to 18. Unless Baker
can defeat La Grande this after-
noon and Joseph tonight, a fif-
teenth game will be necessary
Monday night to determine the
district championship. The only
way now to avoid the extra con-
test is for Baker to make a clean
sweep of all games.

Four teams now remain in the
semi-finals—Baker, Joseph, La
Grande and the winner of the
Wallawa-Union game.

This morning both Keown and
Lyman came back and played ex-
cellent basketball. They received
splendid support from every mem-
ber of the La Grande squad who
participated in the game.

The third round yesterday found
no hope upon and developed the
three worthwhile, hard-fought col-
lisions. La Grande was away off
stride and Joseph had little trou-
ble in defeating the Tigers. Ly-
man, high point man of the first
round, was held to one lone shot.
Bennett used every man ex-
cepting Stoddard in an effort to

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Ray Chenoweth Passes After Log Crushes Him

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special to
The Observer)—Ray Chenoweth,
who had been working at Maxville
on the skidway was fatally hurt
Monday when a log rolled over
him, breaking his left leg above
and below the knee and injuring
his back and stomach. He was
rushed to the hospital in Wallawa
where his leg was set by Dr. Gri-
gory.

At first some hope was held for
his recovery but a complete ex-
amination showed him to be injured
internally so that no hopes could
be entertained. He died Wednes-
day afternoon at 3 o'clock follow-
ing an interval of hemorrhage. The
body was taken to Enterprise and
funeral services held there yester-
day afternoon in the Pentecostal
Mission. Interment was in the
Enterprise cemetery.

Tiger Flowers Wins Greb's Championship

NEW YORK (By the Associated
Press)—Tiger Flowers, Atlanta
Pross, won the world's middle-
weight championship when he out-
pointed Harry Greb, of Pittsburg,
in a fast 15-round bout at Madison
Square Garden last night.

Fox Patrol Defeats Raven Team 14 to 9

The Fox patrol won from the
Raven patrol basketball team this
morning 14 to 9, the victory giving
the former quite a good chance
to win the championship in the
tournament, which will be played
some time next week, the date to
be announced later.

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vessel in his brain, sustained in a
scuffle with William Westfall, an-
other patient. Westfall declares
that Gibson struck him. Rendering
a blow, he knocked Gibson to
the floor, where he was after-
ward found dead. Gibson was
committed from Baker county.

NICE, France (AP)—General
Cesare Rossi declares that he will
give the world an inside story of
the rise of Fascism in Italy, "cre-
ated for a good cause and then
perverted by Mussolini," even
though threatened with bodily
harm by the former head of the
Fascist press bureau arrived here
today after fleeing from Rome.
"Mussolini is the man responsible
for the murder of Deputy Matteotti,"
Rossi declared concerning the
killing of the socialist, which long
has been an issue between the op-
posing Italian parties.

THREATEN REPORTER ROME (AP)—Threats of violence against the Rome correspond- ent of the London Daily Express, unless he leaves Italy, were voiced today by the extreme Fascist pa- per, Il Tevere, in an open letter to the president of the Rome Associa- tion of Foreign Press Correspond- ents. Exception was taken to the correspondent's statement re- garding the health of Premier Mus- solini.

Seven officials connected with
the Indore government were ar-
rested last night and three of them
were sentenced to death for the
killing of the Bombay merchant.
The other four have been de-
ported.

Prince Holkar, born in 1922,
now becomes ruler over the state,
which has an area of 9500 square
miles.

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6,700 Americans Living In London, Survey Shows

LONDON, (AP)—Americans
living in London number 6,700,
and the number of Australians is
approximately the same. The Cana-
dian population is 5,000 and there
are 4,700 South Africans and 1-
760 New Zealanders in London.
Of the 147,000 foreign residents
nearly half are Russians and Poles.
Three million of the 4,500,000 liv-
ing in London are London born.
The French population numbers
12,500. There are 11,300 Italians
and 8,800 Germans.

Morning dances have become
the fad in London society circles.
A doctor is the dancing teacher.
Morning dance classes have been
organized by a band of social lead-
ers under chairmanship of Lady
Moses, with the idea of defeating
boredom and getting some useful
exercise.

Not the ordinary kind of dancing
entirely for pleasure, but purpose-
ful dancing with a physician to
direct it, was decided upon. The
idea of the new organization is
"the rhythm of dancing applied to
the rhythm of life solves that
tremendous problem of modern
existence—restlessness and bore-
dom."

Jazz is to be barred and the old
fashioned waltz and "sweet
dances of other years are to be
substituted.

"Bifurcated, but thoroughly
lady-like" is the description of a
new garment which is offered to
women of fashion in New Bond
Street. This garment is neither
skirt nor trousers. It is an entire
gown with the skirt so skillfully
divided that it is impossible to
detect it unless one sees the wearer

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SON SUCCEEDS INDIAN LEADER

BOMBAY (By the Associated
Press)—The wealthy Maharajah
of Indore, storm center in a scan-
dal involving the murder of a mer-
chant friend of his favorite dancer,
abdicated today in favor of his
son, Prince Yashwantrao Holkar.
The dancing girl, Mumtaz Be-
gun, escaped from the maharajah's
household and sought pro-
tection of a Bombay merchant.
Later the girl and merchant were
attacked by a group of armed men,
allegedly in the maharajah's em-
ploy. The merchant was killed.

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