

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

March 12, 13 — Union county economic agricultural conference in La Grande high school.
April 20—Last day to register for primary election.
May 3, 4, 5—State convention of Women's clubs in La Grande.
May 21—Primary election.
June 9, 10, 11—Union livestock show at Union, Ore.
July 22, 23, 24—Convention of Northwest Real Estate association in La Grande.
Sept. 22, 23, 24, 25—Union county fair at Elgin, Ore.

At Island City Today—

Mrs. Eugene Sisk is visiting relatives at Island City today.

Here from Union—

T. N. Kerr, manager of the Union hotel, was a business visitor to La Grande yesterday.

To Baker This Morning—

L. S. Soule returned to Baker this morning after several days spent in La Grande.

Out from Enterprise—

Sylvester Burleigh, attorney, of the Burleigh and Burleigh firm of Enterprise, was transacting business in the city yesterday.

Adkins Baby Recovering—

Little Jackie Adkins, four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Adkins, is recovering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia.

To Portland on Business—

Mrs. C. E. Anderson went to Portland on business this morning, planning to be absent from La Grande three or four days.

Will Visit Brother Here—

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Haigh are here from Goodland, Kansas, to visit at the home of his brother, A. H. Haigh.

Here on Visit and Shop—

Mrs. George Stander, Mrs. Elmer McCormick, Mrs. Fred Welmer and Mrs. Hughes, all of Pendleton, were in La Grande Tuesday visiting friends and shopping.

Home from California—

Mrs. L. Garlick has returned to her home here from Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, after visiting for some time with her four sons who live in the southern state.

Left this Morning—

After spending about six months in La Grande with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Golden, Mrs. LeRoy Hull left this morning for Glenn Ferry, Idaho. Mrs. Hull was accompanied by her three children.

Arrived this Morning—

Gitty Edwards, world's light heavyweight wrestling champion, arrived in La Grande this morning and will meet Frank Pilling, of Pendleton, in a wrestling match here this evening.

Operated on at Hospital—

Mrs. Edward Street, who underwent a major operation at Grande Ronde hospital yesterday, is reported to be getting along nicely today.

At Hot Lake Today—

Mrs. E. P. Mossman and Mrs. George Cochran went to Hot Lake today. They visited Mrs. A. T. Hill, who is in the hospital there, and other friends.

To Visit Brother—

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wale went to Portland last evening to visit Mrs. Wale's brother who is in the hospital there. They expect to return to La Grande Friday.

Passed Through City—

Walter Grover, cattle man of

Pine Valley, passed through the city this morning on his way home after a trip to Portland with a trainload of cattle, consisting of 26 cars, for the Portland market.

Return to Joseph—

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, who were guests last night at the chamber of commerce banquet, returned this morning to their home at Joseph. Mr. Crawford is editor of the Joseph Herald.

Starting Muskrat Farm—

Charles E. Payne, who is just starting a muskrat farm on his 160-acre place near Parma, Idaho, is in La Grande today consulting with Chris Miller about breeding stock.

Visits Mother in Portland—

Mrs. Harley H. Richardson went to Portland last night for a visit with her mother, Mrs. George Jacobs. She plans to be away about two weeks.

Move Here from Wyoming—

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyer and their four small children arrived in La Grande this morning from Casper, Wyoming, and plan to make their home here. Mrs. Boyer is a member of the Salvation Army. She enlisted about a year ago.

Mrs. McDary More Comfortable—

Dr. W. P. McDary, back from Portland where he spent the weekend with Mrs. McDary at the home of her sister, reports that he found her feeling more comfortable than she had been any time before since her operation several weeks ago.

Will Reside in La Grande—

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mosier and their daughter, Marjorie, have taken up residence in La Grande at 1402 O avenue. They came to La Grande from Portland Saturday. Mr. Mosier is becoming operator for The Observer's new Associated Press wire.

Fractured Nose in Fall—

Mrs. W. J. Nowland fractured the bone in her nose when she slipped and fell at the Zuber hall last night during an oldtime dance number of the chamber of commerce's party. The injury, though painful, is not a serious break, Mrs. Nowland says.

Here from Walla Walla—

Mrs. Charles Moore, who visited to La Grande yesterday from Walla Walla where she now makes her home, Mr. and Mrs. Moore formerly lived in La Grande. Mr. Moore being connected with the Oregon Hardware and Implement company there. They moved to Walla Walla during the winter.

Here from Portland—

Mrs. Vera Wallenberg has returned to her home here from Portland, where she spent a month visiting her sister, Mrs. Stanley Evans. Mrs. Wallenberg has been suffering from nervousness and was compelled to give up her work in Dr. Bouy's office, and lately.

Attends Classes in Portland—

Mrs. Myrtle Geist has returned from Portland, where she has been attending classes in specialized beauty work at the Marinello school for the last week. She plans to enhance her shop within a few days by adding a new completely equipped facial booth, where all the forms of Marinello treatments can be given.

Attend Colleague's Funeral—

Doylo Zimmerman, Francis Snodgrass and Dallas Jacobson were La Grande students in attendance at the funeral of James D. Shaver, the student drowned at Corvallis Sunday, held in Portland today. The decedent was a senior in the forestry department at Oregon Agricultural college. He met death when the canoe in which he and three companions were riding

capsized in Mary's river a mile above the college. The young men with him were Omega Upsilon fraternity brothers, but none were of La Grande.

To Baker Yesterday—

J. A. McCarthy went to Baker on business yesterday.

Home this Morning—

Mrs. A. R. Bowen returned to her home here this morning after visiting for the past two weeks with her brother in Portland.

Work in Mill—

G. G. Piper went to Wallawa this morning. He has accepted a position in the mill there.

Here from Imbler—

William Truckman was transacting business in the city yesterday. His home is at Imbler.

Here on business—

W. R. Ledbetter, of Alford, was a business visitor to La Grande yesterday.

In City Yesterday—

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Huron were shopping in La Grande yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Huron make their home at Imbler.

Inspected Baker Company—

Major R. B. Huron and Captain E. W. Ely, of the United States regular army went to Baker last evening to inspect the Baker unit of the Oregon national guard.

To North Powder this Morning—

A. R. Hunter and H. E. Dixon went to North Powder this morning in conjunction with the apportionment for soldiers loan.

Home this Morning—

After visiting in La Grande since Monday with her husband who is shorted here, Mrs. Joseph Breckner and small son, Richard, returned to their home at Elgin this morning.

To Visit Parents—

Mrs. W. C. Hornor was in the city this morning on her way to Enterprise where she will visit her parents. Mrs. Hornor lives in Portland.

Had Tonsils Removed—

W. E. Dargott, president of the Wallawa county fair association, was in La Grande yesterday from his home at Wallawa. He brought his young son to this city for a tonsil operation.

Have Baby Girl—

Mr. and Mrs. Helen James Fox of Elgin, art buyers of a baby girl, born at their home, Friday, February 25. The new daughter weighs eight pounds. She has been named Phyllis Linn.

Here Last Night—

Members of the Star Novelty orchestra, Joe Volten, Maurice Harrington, Larry Langwin, Mike Porter, Harold Hallas, and Bill Anderson, who last night in La Grande and played for a dance last evening. They left today for Baker where they will play this evening. They expect to return to La Grande in about three weeks.

Students Enter National Contest—

High school English classes are writing patriotic flag creeds this week to enter in the nation-wide contest that the American Legion is conducting. The creeds are to be about 125 words long. Three substantial prizes are offered to the three highest contestants: \$750 for the first; \$500, second; and \$250, third. Silver and bronze medals and certificates of honor will be awarded the winners in the state department. The manuscripts have to be submitted to the Legion headquarters in Indianapolis. Miss Mabel A. Bennett and other teachers of the English department say the La Grande students have produced some excellent creeds in their regular class periods.

300 ATTEND CLUB DINNER AND DANCE

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penditures \$6396.66, leaving cash on hand of \$8971. Mr. Tedford stated that the chamber kept well within its budget during the past year.

Following him Earl C. Reynolds, recently elected to a fourth consecutive term as secretary, gave his report, reviewing the work of the organization during the past year. He also called attention to the program of work, divided into periods, as follows: One year—ornamental street lighting, annual celebration, more old roads, enlarging city boundaries, industrial cut up plant; two years—inside city park, normal school for Eastern Oregon, improvement of Gandy park, Oregon national guard armory; three years or more—irrigation of the Grande Ronde valley. He praised the efficient work of committees during 1925-26, pointing out that attendance at committee meetings was greater than attendance at forum luncheons.

G. L. Dutton, member of the chamber of commerce quartet, sang two numbers, the latter an encore, accompanied by Mrs. George Breier at the piano.

Perkins Speaks.
Mr. Perkins then told of the work of the chamber during the past year, giving special thanks for the support given the officials by the members. He urged the continuation of the "one, big family spirit," which, he said, would be sure to produce great results. Willingness, confidence, and loyalty were upheld as the salient points that a member should strive for.

The Rev. W. C. Ross, after an introductory speech, installed the directors and officers for the year of 1926-27. New directors are: E. D. Appleby, H. E. Brady, H. E. Coledge, H. E. Dixon, G. L. Larson, W. C. Perkins, Dr. W. T. Phipps, J. H. Reynolds, J. G. Snodgrass, A.

J. Stange, E. I. Stoddard and J. A. Tedford. Dr. Phipps is president, Mr. Tedford first vice president, Mr. Brady second vice president, Mr. Dixon treasurer and Earl Reynolds secretary.

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Prices generally favored for a time under the impact of this liquidation but strong buying spirit was in evidence and with few exceptions quotations of standard industrial and public utilities did not break through their low prices of yesterday in the early trading.

With the exception of Chesapeake and Ohio, whose minority stockholders are generally given credit for the successful opposition to the financial terms proposed by the Van Sweringen share receivers, took place in the shares of all units of the proposed "Nickel Plate" system. Chesapeake and Ohio common opened 2 1/2 higher at 115, but ran up to 124 1/2 before the end of the first hour.

Pere Marquette common broke 12 1/2 points; Erie common 7 1/2, the first preferred 4 1/2 and the second preferred five. No sale of Nickel Plate old stock was recorded on the New York stock exchange in the first hour of trading. It closed last night at 163 and there were a few market orders at the opening but were withdrawn when brokers found it impossible to get what they called a reasonable bid. The stock was not even quoted.

Trading in the stocks of the proposed new Nickel Plate new company, which had been dealt in on a "when issued" basis by the New York curb market, over the past few months ago, was suspended by order of the board of governors.

Total sales in the first hour fell just short of one million shares with the Nickel 13 minutes behind the actual quotations on the floor.

FINANCIERS PERTURBED
NEW YORK, Mar. 3. (AP)—Although railroad financiers here are perturbed over the interstate commerce commission's disapproval of the Nickel Plate merger several see cause for optimism in it.

They feel that contemplated consolidations affecting most of the United States are materially set back but the decision may lead to an entire clearing up of the situation by congressional action, in which only Nickel Plate merger will be specifically affected.

"There has been much feeling," said one railroad authority, "as expressed quite strongly in the opinion by the commission that minority interests were not receiving proper consideration. This very denial of the Nickel Plate application will probably accelerate congressional action which will clear up the whole consolidation question."

RAIL STOCKS DROP DOWN 13 POINTS

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p. m. At 2:50 p. m. the ticker was still 29 minutes behind the market, with prices quoted on the floor in many cases 1 to 6 points below those actually appearing on the tapes.

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