

Writer Tells Of Founding Of First Newspaper Here

(By John W. Ellsworth)

Commencing in the spring of 1894, thirty-two years ago, the La Grande Evening Chronicle was published in the Pythian building and issued at four o'clock regularly every afternoon, except on Sundays. This was La Grande's first newspaper.

Through the Western Union telegraph company daily news from the wide world was promptly received and carefully published. Special effort was made to gather and report concisely news of the city and the state. The principal owners of the Chronicle were E. L. Beckley and wife, the former being the editor and the publisher. The writer was for one year from the first issue of the daily city editor and news reporter and afterwards did similar work for years in Baker for the Morning Democrat and was telegraph news correspondent for the Morning Oregonian.

The La Grande Chronicle owned and used a power cylinder press and special machinery that "set" type, but mainly by hand "setting," the linotype casting machine not then having been extensively manufactured and very few of them being in use.

Jap Stevens Foreman

The foreman of the mechanical and type setting departments of the Chronicle was Jasper H. Stevens, now deceased, a pioneer newspaper man and printer, who had "set" type for many leading Pacific coast daily newspapers. The pressman and assistant foreman was Herbert L. Whitehead, who is now and has been for many years foreman of the Boise, Idaho Evening Capital News. Among other first printers, "setting" type for the La Grande Chronicle were Robert Cotner, Stephen Cady and the two Messrs. Barnes, whose father was a leading physician and agriculturist.

Among those who were city editors and news reporters for the Evening Chronicle following my service were: Col. J. W. Hayden, of Virginia, formerly a shining star reporter for several big eastern dailies and later comic story man for the Oregonian; David Kallek, a yankee of wit and wisdom, who hailed from New Bedford, Massachusetts, whose father was a well known philosopher, journalist, now of Weston, Oregon.

La Grande "Wide Open"

In 1894 when La Grande's first regular daily newspaper was born, and for several years later the city was "wide open" for liquor, saloons, gambling and other all night resorts. Nevertheless churches, schools, fraternal and other social athletic organizations carried on with vigor and efficiency.

Among the loyal supporters of the pioneer daily were the hundreds of railroad men and their families, whose homes were in La Grande. Important then as now as one of the leading railroads, the points of the Union Pacific system.

Since 1894 La Grande's population has doubled, but just as human nature is practically the same since days of Adam and Eve the news and its toll in gathering and publishing in years ago was practically mighty little different then as now, in the year 1926, of this so-called "golden age."

All folk agree that "the press" is the most powerful single agency on earth, the first publisher of the first daily paper in La Grande should be credited with having really started something worth while. And this is why since that long ago, thirty-two years past, La Grande has always had creditable daily newspapers.

IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER, (Special)—Mrs. William Wiggins went to Baker Friday to visit her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lawrence Wiggins, who underwent a minor operation last Tuesday.

Irwin Westenskow and E. E. Bach fishing on Catherine creek last Wednesday.

Mrs. Vern Hug was at La Grande Friday trying to find men to help with the haying.

Mrs. Edna Conklin has tonsillitis and was unable to be out last week. She is better now.

Mrs. Nioba Childers has been on the sick list for the past week.

The stock holders of the Union Elevator company held a meeting last Wednesday in the K. P. hall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Luckman went to Walla Walla to be with their daughter, Wave, who is graduating from Whitman college, last week.

Baker brothers of La Grande are digging a well on the Orrin Howell place.

Mrs. I. Strinheim and daughter, Bernice motored to Baker last Friday.

MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

MEDICAL SPRINGS, (Special)—Several in this vicinity are cutting their first crop of hay.

A party consisting of eleven men from Portland spent the week end at the Cottage. They were here in the interest of the Twin Baby club.

Mr. Oliver and Allen Turner motored to Lewiston, Idaho last week after their sister, Miss M. Turner and Grandma Goodall.

Mr. and Mrs. George South spent Decoration day at Baker.

Several strangers from here attended the state grange convention at Baker last week.

The salmon run is early at Catherine creek this year. Cars pass through Medical every day taking people to the creek to fish.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION, (Special)—Mrs. Eva Duncan and John Mills were over from Cove last Wednesday evening to attend the stock show meeting. They report that Cove was eager to come to the show and would be here for the entire three days.

Mrs. Lydia O'Connor and her daughter Marie, who left Union about five months ago because of the former's health, and went to the Puget Sound country, returned to Union last week. Miss O'Connor has resumed her position with the telephone company as operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson were in Union Monday visiting with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Gambie. They returned to their home in Canyon City the next day but their little son remained in Union for an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Clara Van Houten is visiting with Miss Merle Webster in Wilder, Idaho. She accompanied the latter when she left Union last Sunday for her home in Wilder.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Compton who make their home in California, arrived in Union in their car Friday afternoon and stopped for a visit with the former's sister, Mrs. Mary Foster. They left the same day for Haines where Mr. Compton's mother resides. The visitors will remain in Eastern Oregon for an extended visit with relatives.

The dance committee of the stock show held a jenny dance at the school gym Friday night. An orchestra from Spokane furnished music for the dances.

Tourists are becoming more numerous and both the city and the goodford camp grounds are getting campers in larger numbers. At the city grounds an extra caretaker will be added during this week on account of the stock show.

Strawberries from several patches are now appearing on the local market, and a few sweet cherries are also on sale.

George Clark and Ed. Cline and their families were visitors in Pendleton Thursday. Mr. Clark has just finished a job of plumbing in Pendleton that lasted several weeks and was over seeing about the last of the work.

Walter Harris, who formerly lived in Union, but who is now making his home at Butte, Mont., arrived here the first of last week to visit with relatives and take in the stock show before returning to his home in Butte.

J. W. Ferguson is laid up with a spell of lumbago and is unable to get out at present.

Emma and John Wolf motored to La Grande Saturday for a day's shopping.

Joe Smith, proprietor of the Acme garage in South Union was a business visitor in La Grande Saturday morning.

UNION, (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Keck have recently purchased the Vansoyk place in North Union.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hess motored to Portland Tuesday and will remain there about a week.

Mrs. John Jacob, of Union, suddenly became ill while on the road to La Grande last week. She was taken to Hot Lake for medical attention and is now in the hospital there.

Eilda Miller, a student at the University of Oregon, spent last week-end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miller.

Mrs. Dora Myers was a week-end visitor here from Portland. She has been making Portland her home for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cline and Mr. and Mrs. George Clark were Pen-

OUT OUR WAY



DON'T THINK ALL FOLKS IS LOWBROWS WITH NO BEAUTY IN THEIR SOULS EF THEY DONT STAND THERE AGADIN WITH THEIR EYES AS BIG AS BOWLS AT SOME MASTER PIECE ON CANVAS IN A MILLYUN DOLLAR HALL CAUSE THEY MAY BE USED T' REAL ONES BY TH MASTER OF THEM ALL

By WILLIAMS BRAZIL, SPAIN

REFUSE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES

GENEVA, June 8, (AP)—A sensation was caused at the opening public meeting of the fortieth session of the league of nations council Monday when it was seen that Afranio Mello Franco, the Brazilian representative was not present.

The league secretary general Sir Eric Drummond, announced that he had received a letter from Senor Mello Franco stating that illness prevented his attendance. As no other members of the Brazilian delegation was substituted, Mello Franco's illness was generally interpreted as being of a diplomatic nature.

Spain, it is reported, is to take no part in the sessions of the league. It is also said in diplomatic circles in Berne that she will also be without representation at the September council and assembly.

GENEVA, June 8, (AP)—Mem-

bers of the Brazilian delegation of the league of nations told the Associated Press today they knew nothing about the reported intention of their country to resign from the league, as suggested in a despatch from Rio Janerio.

MUD RAIN NOTED
CLEVELAND — Snow in June is unusual, but a mud rain is quite common. Rain drops laden with dust in solution fell for fifteen minutes in a windstorm had preceded the precipitation.

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PASTOR QUILTS NEW YORK

NEW YORK—The Rev. Tertius Van Dyke resigned as pastor of a metropolitan church to preach in a village church because a big city "demands religion with a jazz tempo." The people of New York, he said, have driven some preachers to shooting or fire works and wearing red veils.

PARK PERSONALS

THE PARK, (Special)—Kenneth Vanorder left the Park last Wednesday on his way to Almira, Washington, where he will work for the Triangle Construction company.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lay went to Baker Wednesday. From there they went to La Grande where Mr. Lay had some dental work done.

Amos Miller, of Lookout mountain, is visiting his brother, Robert Miller, of the Park.

Miss Maxine and Miss Ruby Wanker, of Medical Springs, were Wednesday guests of Clara Lay.

Eva Vanorder left for Walla Walla by auto Saturday. She will visit with aunt, Mrs. G. W. Hullek. She expects to be gone about a month.

The roads in this district are traveled over every day now. Many people come here fishing for salmon.

George McDow had the misfortune to loose one of his horses one day this week.

Mrs. Bert Vandevanter was a caller at the Clarence Vanorder home Wednesday.

Lester Miller reports that the logging railroad is progressing nicely. About three miles of grade is finished.

Amos, Marie and Francis Miller were fishing on Catherine creek Tuesday.

A. J. Vandevanter attended the state grange meeting at Baker Friday.

William and Herbert McDow were visiting at the Clarence Vanorder home Thursday.

Amos, Francis and Marie Miller were Union visitors Sunday.

Will McDow and Mary Vanorder



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She is that eager, but not very bright, little woman who, "my dear, doesn't ever read advertisements." Who doesn't know what to buy, or where to buy it, or what to pay for it. Who doesn't know values and can't compare them. Who doesn't know that when a new style, or a new convenience, or a new anything arrives, one sees it first in the advertisements.

One really gets a little vexed with her—

But, let's not waste too much time on her. It's about time for you, dear lady, to have your daily look through the advertisements.

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