

# For Better Homes

## LET CONTRACTS ON TWO JOBS

Bids were opened during the last two days for two new buildings, which will be erected in the near future — one an addition to the business section and the other a new link in the county's system of education.

The board of directors of school district No. 27 received sealed bids for the construction of a new grade school building last Saturday. Bids were opened at the regular school meeting and the contract for the construction of this building was given to Contractor

H. P. Neilson, of La Grande, whose bid was the lowest submitted for the work.

Bids for the construction of a new service station for the La Grande Nash company was taken last Friday at noon in the office of C. B. Miller, architect, the award being made to W. C. Kelly, of La Grande, whose bid was the lowest one received. This station will be one of the most complete for its size in La Grande and will be a splendid addition to the city's auto service facilities, it is said.

Mr. Miller drew the plans for both buildings.

Efforts of 14 doctors failed to save a rich New Yorker. He was awfully sick. Even one couldn't have saved him.

When a newspaper reporter dies and goes to heaven, that's news.

## MEXICO CARES FOR ITS DEAD

MEXICO CITY, June 28 (AP).—Dispatches from Leon, where the flood waters of the Gome river inundated large sections of the town, indicate that distress has been somewhat relieved by the arrival of food trains and of clothing, medical supplies and tent hospitals.

Soup kitchens have been established. Other large quantities of necessities are on the way, but muddy highways and the damaged railroad lines are handicapping transportation.

Portions of the town are still flooded. Bodies of persons drowned continue to be found. No estimate has been made of the number of fatalities. House weakened by the flood was destroyed.

1,000 Homes (Cont.)

One thousand homes have already been entirely destroyed. The destruction of all crops of the region surrounding Leon are reported to be complete.

The bodies of the dead are returned from the hills only to find piles of mud and debris where once were their humble homes. These people often are unable to learn the fate of missing relatives or friends as most of the dead could not be identified before the bodies were buried or burned. Excelsior's correspondent at Leon expressed the belief that several hundred dead are lying under the debris.

Prize Operators.

Telegraph operators at Leon are receiving high praise for their work in remaining at their keys for two days and nights without food or sleep, sometimes in water waist deep.

## PIONEERING IN THE VALLEY

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Usually quite long (some had four), mopasins were common and they carried up the hills. They were brave and honest.

In the year of 1874 La Grande was founded. The first permanent settlement was established in 1892. La Grande's first post office was built in old town in 1882, and was run in connection with a store by Edd Patterson. A wagon road was built from Walls Walla into the Grande Ronde valley in 1863. It had the best workers, the intelligent farmers of the Grande Ronde valley have increased the natural productivity of their lands and it has brought them wealth and happiness.

La Grande is now a growing city engaged in lumbering and agriculture. Little did the pioneers know of the wealth and wonders that the Grande Ronde valley could produce.

## JURY TASK TAKING UP TIME TODAY

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courtroom today. Prospective jurors and witnesses make up the bulk of the audience. Imbler testified for the state in the justice court hearing, were scattered through the group.

Questions Carefully.

I. S. Green, of Green and Hess, who represent the defendant, examined the jurors carefully for indications of prejudice against the defendant. He questioned each man for connection with the Imbler Elevator company, understood to hold the position of prosecuting witness, and for interest in the Brennan's Fund Insurance company and the Norwich Union Insurance company, with both of which Blackington had his warehouse insured.

"You understand, don't you, that in a criminal case, it is not sufficient that the evidence indicate that the defendant probably committed the crime, but that it must exclude every other rational inference in order to convict him under the law?" the defendant's counsel queried the jurors.

Hodgin, examining for the state, delved into each juror's attitude toward circumstantial evidence, and questioned him as to his dealings with insurance companies.

Opening Delayed.

The case, set for 2 o'clock, was delayed for 10 minutes by the tardy appearance of the defendant's counsel, who received a reprimand from the court.

Blackington sat composedly through the examination of his "peers" this morning, exhibiting the mild interest to which he has treated the case from the beginning. Mrs. Blackington and the defendant's sister, who came from California to be with him, were not in the courtroom today.

Four Jurymen Excused.

While no jurymen had been

## Too Chummy



Sheriff J. W. Monroe of Yolo county, Calif., faces impeachment charges because he got too chummy with his prisoners. He shared wine with them, he admits, but says he didn't get them to talk about cases he was investigating.

## GUARDS' SHOWING WINS PRAISE OF HIGHEST QUALITY

CAMP JACKSON, Medford, Ore., June 28, was the climax day of Company E's training in Camp Jackson. To a great extent all the work that has been done thus far was merely preparatory to the brigade review which was held that day.

Friday morning the 186th Infantry practiced the review so as to be familiar with the event.

Promptly at one o'clock Company E marched to the field with approximately 3,000 other guardsmen. Hundreds of cars and thousands of spectators were on hand to witness the military maneuvers.

The review was impressive. More than a mile of marching men, guns and trucks were seen. When each company arrived in front of the reviewing stand it was given "eyes right" and every hand snapped to the right to honor the superior officers. Spectators were loud in their praise of the guard and declared that it is worthy of the reputation of being the best guard in the United States.

The menu Friday was: breakfast—scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, pep bran, coffee; dinner—veal cutlets, creamed potatoes, bread pudding, lemonade; supper—macaroni cheese, lettuce salad, peaches, iced tea.

Company E went swimming in the Rogue river Thursday. The water was just cool enough to furnish a pleasant contrast to the burning rays of the sun. The swim was taken while the guardmen were bivouacked by the Elk's picnic grounds, nine miles from camp.

Thursday afternoon was spent in laundering clothing for the Friday brigade review.

## Superintendent Gives Praise to Rail Work

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and Mechanics are being widened in preparation for ballasting in 1927. The company is spending \$32,000 on this division of the year's work.

Ballasting One Item

Ballasting, however, is but one item on the program of construction and improvements, for which expenditures totaling \$500,000 have been authorized.

A new passing track, or siding, is being laid between Higer and Kamela at a cost of \$40,000.

Forty-seven thousand dollars more is being spent to extend 10 of the 34 stalls in the roundhouse so they will be long enough to house the locomotives known as 2-10-2's. There are a few stalls that will accommodate the monsters. But when a number of the big moderns roll into the yards for overhauling at one time they form an expensive waiting list.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Geheeler, accompanied by their two children and Miss Mildred Spencer, attended the county grange picnic at Union last Saturday.

accepted by noon recess, four had been definitely excused by Judge J. W. Knowles; W. W. Kinsey, because he had ridden with the prosecuting attorney and Fire Chief C. O. Murchison one day when they were driving to Imbler to make an investigation; another man because of deafness, and C. M. Hale and Earl Phillips on preemptory challenges by the defense.

Hale said he had been a resident of the Imbler vicinity since June 5, but refused to admit that anything he had heard discussed by his neighbors had led him to form any opinion of Blackington's guilt or innocence.

## Here And There

MEDFORD — Building permits for one week reach \$37,320.

BURNS — Government will build \$5000 schoolhouse here for Plute Indian children.

Euche Creek district in Curry county will build \$10,000 school.

MEDFORD — Ice and storage company will build large warehouse for fruit.

EUGENE — Bethel district to erect new school building.

KLAMATH FALLS — Work on new Anchor hotel, 4 stories, to cost \$100,000.

BUTTE FALLS — Five-room school to be erected at once.

KLAMATH FALLS — Bids called for \$45,000 new city library.

KLAMATH FALLS — During May 94 building permits were issued for \$185,205.

MILWAUKIE — Dean-Bates Motor company building modern plant.

BUYING IT BY THE JUG

REDDING — They're buying it by the jug here now. Pollution from Pitt River has spoiled the taste of city water and many citizens are buying spring water by the gallon.

MAR MURRAY MARRIED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal. — Mae Murray, the "merry widow" is still merry but she's a widow no more. She married her fourth husband, David Divani, reputed to be a wealthy former prince of what is now the republic of Georgia. Paul Negri and Rudolph Yankeloff were in on the ceremony.

Hardware Dealer — Anything for you today, Mose?

Mose — Yes, sah; do doctor. Let me see how I must take some from 'ur my blood, and I spend I might as well buy it from you.

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