

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

July 12, 14, 15 and 16—Free Homeowners' Institute under auspices of The Observer. July 15—Union county's 36th annual pioneer reunion. July 22, 23, 24—Convention of Northwest Real Estate association in La Grande. Sept. 22, 23, 24, and 25—Union county fair at Elgin, Ore.

Here From Cove

Grover Duffey, banker of Cove, was in the city this morning on business.

Left for Twin Falls

H. R. Money left last night for Twin Falls, Idaho where he will be for a few days on business. Mr. Money is employed with the Bunting Tractor company here.

On Way to Seattle

Mrs. E. A. Nelson, of Minam, was in La Grande last night en route to Seattle, Wash., where she expects to visit for about three months.

Here from Pendleton

Mrs. Fannie Forbe arrived in the city this morning from Pendleton to visit here for several days at the home of her son, H. B. Money.

Home from Portland

Mrs. S. N. Shell and little daughters, Hazel and Mary, arrived in La Grande this morning on their way home to Enterprise from Portland, where they have been visiting for the past month.

Two Boys Join Navy

Hershel Talbot and Nick Thomas, both of La Grande, left last night for Portland and from there will go to San Diego, California, where they will join the United States Navy fleet. The two boys enlisted while a U. S. naval officer was in the city the first of the week.

Home for Holiday

Henry Reed, who is employed at the Grande Ronde Lumber company's logging camp on the Grande Ronde River, was in the city this morning on his way home to Deer Creek, in Wallawa county, where he will spend the Fourth of July with his family.

Here Last Night

Frank Workman, district deputy grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, was in La Grande yesterday and last night. A special meeting of the local P. O. E. lodge was called last evening to meet with Mr. Workman. He was a guest of H. J. Ritter here yesterday. Mr. Workman, besides being district deputy grand exalted ruler, is past exalted ruler of the McMinville lodge.

On Way to Lake

Miss Jeanette Tomley, of Des Moines, Iowa, was here yesterday on her way to Wallawa Lake, where she will spend three or four weeks camping. She will be joined

by friends at Lostine and Enterprise, who will accompany her to the lake.

To Island City

Ansell Henderson went to Island City this morning, where he will visit friends for a few days.

To Lake this Morning

Mrs. R. A. Masterton went to Wallawa Lake this morning where she will join friends and spend the Fourth of July.

To Elgin this Morning

C. E. Shaw, auditor for the O. W. company went to Elgin on this morning's train. He will return to La Grande this evening. Mr. Shaw's home is in Portland.

On Way Home

Fred Hebert was in the city this morning on his way home to Wallawa from Portland and Seattle, Wash., where he has been visiting relatives for the past week.

Passed Through City

A. E. Barber passed through La Grande this morning on his way home to Enterprise from Eugene where he has been for the past week transacting business.

To Portland on Business

Dr. J. L. Cundall, dentist now located at Elgin, was in the city this morning on his way home to Elgin from Portland, where he went on business Saturday night.

Visited Here One Week

Mrs. Tolly Kookman and children, Darlene and Jacqueline, returned to their home at Baker yesterday after visiting in La Grande one week with Mrs. Kookman's mother and friends.

Left for Joseph

Jimmie Lesley went to Joseph on this morning's train, where he will spend the summer with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Leslie. Jimmie arrived here yesterday from Portland, where he has been with his mother, Mrs. Teresa Leslie, and his brother, Ross, and sister, Joanna, for the past four weeks.

To Visit Hawaiian Island

Miss Grace Allen and Miss Mabel Herdinger left La Grande by auto today, accompanied by Miss Herzinger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Herzinger, and sister, Miss Blanche Herzinger, on their way to San Francisco, Cal., and from there will sail July 7 for the Hawaiian Islands on the steamship Matsunaka. In Honolulu they will be joined by Miss Mae Nell, who has been teaching school there. They will be in the islands eight days visiting the volcano and other points of interest. They will be away from La Grande one month. Mr. and Mrs. Herzinger and Miss Blanche will spend three weeks in California before returning to La Grande. Both Miss Allen and Miss Herzinger are employed in N. K. West's store here. Miss Allen is bookkeeper and Miss Herzinger is in the ladies ready-to-wear department.

Three Generations at West Point



These three men held their own family reunion at the annual class day exercises at West Point. They represent three generations of cadets, all of the same family. At the left is General W. Ennis, class of 1864; center, his son, Col. William Ennis, class of 1901; right, the son of Col. Ennis, William Ennis Jr., of the class of 1924.

DEFENDANT "MIXED" UP OVER NOTES

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ington, who had paid off a \$500 mortgage. This was in rebuttal of alleged litigation by the state that the title to the property had been frequently shifted. Blackington explained that he had acted as agent for all of the owners.

As his purpose in visiting Imbler in May, the defendant stated that he had come as he was accustomed to look after the warehouse. If the fruit crop was good, he intended to make the larger part frostproof.

Valued Place at \$5000.

On his son's request, he was going to attempt to sell the property. A price of \$5000 was fixed, he said. Only when he tried to explain from his notes just which days he spent in La Grande with his daughter and which in Imbler did the defendant become distinctly confused.

"What time did you go to Imbler last before the fire?" H. L. Hess, defendant's counsel asked. "I went Wednesday, and returned Thursday. Wait a minute, here is the book in which I made the original notes. I was in La Grande May 23, 24, 27 and 28; and at Imbler May 25, 26 and 29."

Notes Confusing.

"Where were you May 20?" "Why, La Grande," Blackington

answered, intent on his notes.

"You were in both La Grande and Imbler, weren't you? That's Sunday, you know. The day of the fire," Hess suggested.

"Oh, why I was in Imbler until 6 o'clock in the evening."

Notes Shuffled.

On counsel's recommendation, Blackington put his notebook away, and told of his preparations to move his goods from the store-room.

He talked to Furman, he said, and found him feeling blue over the freeze that had destroyed a good part of his apple crop, but they arrived at no definite settlement. He had told the elder Furman he would like him to move the boxes out if they were not intending to use the place again, but not to accommodate himself.

Explains Candle Incident.

Of the candle incident, he explained that he borrowed it to find some lanterns with which to look for goods he wanted to take home. Finding no globes, he borrowed a lantern from Mrs. Watson, at whose home he had stayed.

With oil he bought from Andrews' garage—10 cents worth—he filled the lantern.

Used Oiled Cloth.

A new explanation of what became of the remaining oil was given when Blackington testified that he poured some of what was left out on a cloth to clean the globe which was dirty.

"I didn't give it a fancy cleaning, but enough so it would let the light through," he added.

Mrs. Watson had earlier testified that the lantern appeared now to be in about the condition it was when she let Blackington have it. Court adjourned with the defendant still on the stand.

Heirlooms Destroyed.

A long list of furniture, heirlooms, dishes, bed linen and pillow cases, including Blackington's and other law texts belonging to the lawyer father of the defendant, dishes and clothing was recited by Miss Alice Blackington, elder sister of the man on trial, when she was called to the witness stand again this morning.

The value of the goods, all of which she said burned without insurance, she learned, is to be added and presented in testimony this afternoon.

Recess Called.

A recess was called this morning for the inspection of stoves and other bits of ruin from the fire hauled into the courtyard at Blackington's direction. Two oil stoves in the load recalled the testimony of E. J. Hoxen, Imbler station agent and mayor, who said he had not found any indications of burned oil stoves when he examined the ruins.

Beigns of Island City, told of Blackington's accompanying him and his family to services the night of the fire. He had gone in first he said, and was not sure whether anyone urged the defendant to go into the church. Asked by George Mowry, state's counsel, whether he had not told H. H. Pomeroy, fire marshal, June 2, that Blackington went into the church first, Beigns said he could not remember.

Playle Disqualified.

Four character witnesses were called. Ray Wilson, Clay Fox and William Wiggins testifying that they knew Blackington's reputation to be good in communities where they had known him. Charles Playle disqualified himself as a character witness when he testified that he did not know the defendant's general reputation. The state brought out in cross-examination the fact that Clay Fox had been Blackington's insurance agent for five years.

In conversation, Fox stated that the insurance on the warehouse was all about five years old, and that the policies were renewed about eight months ago.

PENDLETON, July 1. (AP)—Wheat is being delivered now at the Myrick station elevator near here, which is the earliest in the past ten years that wheat has been harvested and stored.

BLAMES FIEND, NOT FATHER

SEATTLE, July 1. (AP)—Charles Tennant, chief of detectives in the Seattle police, today continued working on his theory that Sylvia Gaines, whose body was found here on the shore of Green Lake on the morning of June 17, was killed by a fiend and not by her father, Wallace C. Gaines, who is charged with the murder of his daughter. Prosecutor Colvin announced that he will not join Robert E. MacFarlane, attorney for Gaines, in asking at the arraignment of Gaines tomorrow for a new special venire to permit trial this month. "I will not be a party to any spectacular methods in bringing Gaines to trial," Colvin declared. "The question of calling a special venire rests with presiding Judge Jones and the 12 other jurors." While Colvin was preparing his case against Gaines, MacFarlane announced that he is still working on a murder theory of his own. "Three new defense witnesses who gave a description of a man they saw lurking near a grove where the girl's body was found have been discovered," MacFarlane added.

NYE BEHIND IN EARLIER COUNTINGS

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league had received only one vote in returns available from 85 counties.

Townley's interest in the attempted resurrection is not known, because he has been out of the state for several months.

Contest in Doubt.

The status contest between A. G. Sorlie, non-partisan governor, and J. M. Hanley, independent, for the republican nomination appeared in doubt. Hanley received an early lead along with Hanna, but Sorlie's strength in the country districts may disrupt this with additional returns.

Democrats have a full state ticket without opposition and did not figure in the primary. The farmer-labor group has contests in six of 11 offices.

Wet Candidates Third

Returns from 274 precincts out of 2,167 for long term senator gave Hanna 15,528; Nye, 11,673; C. P. Stone, "wet" candidate, 2,533; Herman Midtbo, 274.

For the short term senator, 273 precincts gave Nye 10,597; Hanna, 13,117; Stone, 274.

Returns from 317 for the gubernatorial nomination gave Sorlie 13,545; Hanley, 16,456; J. A. McGovern, 604.

Japanese Vessel Hits Rock; Deck Submerged

HELMETON, Wash., July 1. (AP)—The Japanese S. S. Hoyo struck a hidden rock near Amagasaki Island in the Aleutians, reported a message received here today by the radio station of the Puget Sound navy yard. No danger of destruction had been foreseen when the message was sent. The forward deck was submerged and number one hold was filled with water. The vessel gave her position as north latitude 51.17 and west longitude 175.02. The Hoyo left Grays Harbor, Wash., June 26 for Yokohama, Japan.

Wool Market Activity Is Tending to Recede

BOSTON, July 1. (AP)—Wool market activity is tending to recede owing in part to the approach of a double holiday and to the fact some houses handling domestic wools are refusing to meet the demand on the present level of values. However, the volume of current business is fairly substantial, although not up to normal. Disparity between market prices turns demand principally to domestic wools.

4,000 AGENTS WILL COMBAT LIQUOR FLOW

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supply, within two years. General Andrews promises not only more effective enforcement but reduced costs and more popularity for the law.

TAMPERING FIGURES IN AIMEE CASE

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they would be back here sometime tonight.

"Rose" Sends Letter. Before departing Mrs. McPherson had made public a letter purporting to have been received from "Rose" the name of the woman, who, with two men, were alleged in McPherson's story to have kidnaped her. The letter had not been turned over to Captain of Detective Cline who said for that reason he was not making an official investigation of it. The letter read: "Dear Mrs. McPherson: "Just a line to let you know that I have no hard feelings about you getting away from me. In fact I am glad it is all over with. If you could only forgive me for the part I played in this untucky adventure I would be satisfied. But will you? Oh, please do. "I shall ask nothing more than just your forgiveness. I have lost

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my share of the money and I sure needed some. But that part is all right as long as you will forgive me. Pray for me even if I did make you suffer. I have suffered also, after you were gone. "Steve and Jake almost killed me. I am not afraid to get arrested, for nobody knows me here and Steve and Jake are in El Paso. They had everything moved and their tracks covered before morning. Now, once more will you forgive me, as you would like to be forgiven. "Your father, "Rose"

Officers elected at the directors' meeting were: I. R. Watkins, president. J. D. Cray, vice president. John Arthur, general manager. Blaine Hullock, secretary. J. D. Cook, assistant secretary. James H. Nicolson, treasurer. Mr. Watkins and Cray will leave Friday for Salem to apply for a permit to sell stock.

Obituary

G. NOTHNAGEL. G. Nothnagel, 75, whose home for a number of years has been near Allet, died at the Grande Ronde hospital at about 3:30 p. m. Wednesday. He was taken there in a serious condition Saturday night. Mr. Nothnagel was born in Germany in 1851. He came to the Grande Ronde valley about 15 years ago. The decedent is survived by his widow and three children: Herman and William, of Allet, and Mrs. Jacob Traubel, of Portland. Funeral services will be held at the Bohlenkamp chapel at 10 a. m. Friday, the Rev. W. C. Ross,

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