

REPLACING OLD WOODEN SIDEWALKS

Citizens and City Officials Cooperate in Modernization Program

PRIVATE WORK IN YEAR INCREASES

Municipal and Other Projects Give City More Than a Mile of New Concrete Walk.

More than three-fifths of a mile of concrete sidewalk has been built in La Grande residential districts this year, part of a program of modernization in which the municipal authorities and the citizens are cooperating.

The object of the improvement is continuous betterment of conditions in the city, to keep pace with other improvements in construction and general growth of various enterprises.

Repairing Wooden Walks Unsightly and dangerous wooden sidewalks are being replaced by concrete walks during the last few years and this year a large amount of the wooden walks, declared dangerous and undesirable by city officials, have been torn out to make way for concrete stretches.

Little municipal sidewalk construction has been done this year although two or three jobs are pending. One calls for two blocks of sidewalks on Oak and Cedar between L and M avenues and another would place sidewalks on W from Jackson to North Spruce. In all likelihood, these projects will be completed this fall. Adding these to the private work already done this year, a total of more than a mile of sidewalk will have been built before Jan. 1, 1927.

PHONE COMPANY REBUILDING LINE ALONG HIGHWAY

The rebuilding of a considerable portion of the 20 miles of telephone lines between La Grande and Joseph has been commenced by the Home Independent Telephone company, S. D. Crowe, secretary and general manager, said this morning. The work has already progressed as far as the Conley warehouses.

Wherever the stretches to be renewed extend along the old county roads, they are moved to parallel the La Grande-Wallowa lake highway. Eventually, the entire line will follow the highway that cuts a shorter path to its destination than did the old road, which usually ran along the sectional boundaries.

A crew of eight to 10 men has been working on the job. More than half of them are extra employees on the company's payroll.

When the La Grande-Joseph line has been rebuilt, there will be some work to do on the section between Hot Lake and Union, Mr. Crowe said.

Ram Sale Will Be Held Here August 24; 100 Woolies Offered

A purebred ram sale—the first ever attempted here—will be held Thursday, August 24, County Agent H. G. Avery announced. Some real stuff is being lined up for the sale, Mr. Avery stated, and if successful, the 100 or more purebred sheep to be sold at the sale this year will be increased to 200 or 400 next year. Buyers from over all Eastern Oregon are expected to attend the sale.

Sales of this kind have been conducted in Idaho for eight years and have proved very successful. This year's sale there will be held at Piler, Idaho, August 18, when 1,500 head of purebred sheep will be sold. The largest sales in the inter-mountain section, however, will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, the last of August and first of September.

Ladies' Aid Is Paying Up Church Debt

Report of Society Shows All But \$600 of \$3000 Indebtedness Taken Care of.

Totting unostentatiously but tirelessly, the Ladies' Aid society of the First M. E. church in La Grande has won itself a reputation for accomplishment that is second to none in the Inter-Mountain conference, declared Dr. H. S. Hamilton, of Boise, district superintendent, when he presided here last evening at the fourth quarterly conference session.

The report of the society showed that in less than eight months the members had liquidated all but \$600 of the \$3000 church debt they undertook to pay in a period of five years. By January, the end of the first year, they expect to be ready to burn the last mortgage.

Year Prosperous. A prosperous year, with a substantial growth in membership and consistent development in all the departments, was indicated by the reports given in response to the call of the superintendent.

In accordance with action being taken all over the Methodist world to combat the influence of satanic books and magazines, a department of good literature was organized, and Mrs. H. S. Brown named as its director. Within a short time a meeting of directors from all parts of the district is to be held in La Grande. Prominent religious journalists, including Dr. Edward Laid Mills, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, will speak.

Steward Elected. Mrs. A. W. Leffet was elected district steward, to represent the

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PIPE LINE IS NOW REPAIRED

City Manager Announces Citizens May Irrigate Between 6 and 7 Tonight. Although the Old Town reservoir is not filled today and will not be at normal until tomorrow, City Manager W. C. Crews announced this morning that citizens can irrigate from six until seven o'clock tonight without seriously draining the water supply. Tomorrow all restrictions will be lifted as by that time the reservoir should be practically filled from the Beaver creek pipe line flow and output of the deep well.

The repairs on the pipe line were completed at 6:10 o'clock last night and flow commenced immediately. It takes, however, 24 hours to fill the reservoir providing no drain is made. Yesterday the artisan well carried the load satisfactorily.

Mr. Crews reports that 99 per cent of the citizens cooperated thoroughly with the city during the temporary period of water shortage and wishes to thank them for their efforts to help conserve the water yesterday and today.

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OPEN BIDS ON ALICEL COVE ROAD

Two Proposals Entered by Spokane Construction Company Held

COURT ADJOURNS UNTIL AUGUST 16

Firm Offers to Supply Crushed Rock Surfacing at \$31,116 and Gravel at \$33,340.

Joelin & McAllister Construction Co., of Spokane, was low bidder among the five whose offers on surfacing for the Alicel-Low-Cove road were considered by the county court yesterday afternoon.

Deferring the awarding of a contract until the end of the month, the court discussed some details of the job with the contractor, the commissioners held the Joelin bid and deposit, and adjourned to meet Aug. 16 for further action.

The Spokane firm offered them a crushed rock surfacing at \$31,116, and crushed gravel at \$33,340. Other bids ran from \$25,000 to \$42,157, was submitted by J. C. Compton on the crushed rock.

Several Bids Opened. Complete offers of Joelin & McAllister's competitors, were as follows: H. G. Johnson, crushed rock, \$35,000; Logan Bros., of Pendleton, crushed gravel, \$22,574; J. C. Compton, crushed rock, \$42,157; Clyde R. Seltz, crushed gravel, \$33,254.

The commissioners early eliminated gravel surfacing from consideration. While it usually costs less than the crushed rock, in this case it would have to be hauled four miles or farther, making it the more expensive of the two materials.

A. J. Bishop May Not Be Tried on Charge

A. J. Bishop, brought to La Grande from Logan, Utah, last night by H. A. Klinghammer, deputy sheriff, on a warrant charging non-support of a minor child, may not be prosecuted, Carl G. Helm, district attorney, said this morning. Bishop has receipts to show that he made substantial contributions to the support of his wife and daughter from March until June, when he claims he became ill. He lost his job while he was sick and had just established himself in a new one a short time before he was arrested, Bishop told the officers.

Miss Ryan Defeats Helen in Seabright

SEABRIGHT, Aug. 5 (AP).—Miss Helen Wills, the national women's tennis champion, today met her first defeat of the season on home courts when she lost to Miss Elizabeth Ryan, of California, second ranking American star, in the finals of the Seabright invitation tournament. The score was 6-4, 6-1.

It was the second successive year that Miss Wills has met defeat at the hands of Miss Ryan at the Seabright tournament. She lost in straight sets last year to the veteran Californian. It also was the first setback for the national champion since she returned a fortnight ago.

Miss Wills put up a gallant fight for the first set, but was outplayed decisively in the second.

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Sharp Note Is Sent To Bulgarians

Jugo-Slav Government Takes Action—Situation Is Described as Being Grave.

BELGRADE, Aug. 6 (AP).—A semi-official note, ominous in tone says the Jugo-Slav government has ordered an inquiry into the recent incident on the Bulgarian frontier and "is envisaging certain measures of a nature definitely to assure the safety of Jugo-Slav territory."

The note adds that the government's decision on the situation is expected at an early date. Situation Grave. Political circles regard the situation as one of great gravity. At the same time it is asserted that alarmist reports in foreign newspapers concerning measures taken have no foundation in fact. It is said that the government's object is to try to find some method of removing for the future all causes which are likely to menace good relations between the Balkan states.

The Jugo-Slav government recently protested to Bulgaria against raids by Communist bands (irregular forces) into Jugo-Slav territory. In reply Bulgaria denied that the raiders had received support from the Bulgarian government. On the contrary, it was added, Bulgaria was doing every thing possible to compel "the Macedonian revolutionaries" to cease activities likely to create hostility between Bulgaria and her neighbors.

Would Police Frontiers. The Bulgarian reply asked why Bulgaria's neighbors, with larger standing armies than the army of Bulgaria, were not allowed by treaty to police their own frontiers. It was added that Rumania had agreed to do this and Bulgaria suggested that Jugo-Slavia do likewise.

AMERICAN GIRL SWIMS CHANNEL

Gertrude Ederle, After Heroic Attempt, Lands on English Coast This Evening. KINGSDOWN, Engl., Aug. 6 (AP).—Gertrude Ederle landed here tonight successfully swimming the English channel from Cape Gris-Nez, France.

The New York swimmer, the first woman ever to conquer the grim channel made the remarkable time of 14 hours and 31 minutes. She immediately boarded her accompanying train which started back for France. Miss Ederle left Cape Gris Nez at 7:09 o'clock this morning, and touched English soil at 9:49 o'clock tonight.

Forest Fires Cause Additional Deaths

MISSOULA, Mont., Aug. 5 (AP).—Little headway in being made against the forest fires in north-west and the flames continue to spread leaving desolation behind them. Another life was claimed yesterday when an aged woods worker named Landstrom died while fighting a fire near Donald, B. C.

On the previous day Corrah Hutchinson, 49, a rancher, perished in the flames near Sand Point, Idaho.

ELEMENTS HELP RED DEMON

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6 (AP).—Wind, hail, and rain united with fire to bring destruction to crops and other property in the north-west yesterday.

Five per cent to 100 percent of the crops in its path were destroyed by a hail storm which swept a wide area of northern Saskatchewan, Canada. Holdings were unroofed and the countryside was littered with debris.

Two additional deaths have resulted from the fight against the flames. Jefferson Stevens of Yuma, Ariz., was killed near Bonners Ferry, Ida., when struck by a falling tree, while an aged woodsman named Landstrom died while fighting a fire near Donald, B. C.

LA GRANDE SELECTED BY LEGION

Oregon Veterans to Hold Convention in This City Next Year

DELEGATES CAST UNANIMOUS VOTE

Astoria, Only Other Bidder, Withdraws After La Grande Secured the Lead in Ballots.

MARSHFIELD, Aug. 6 (AP).—La Grande was chosen for the 1927 convention city of the Oregon department of the American Legion in their convention this morning. The vote was unanimous. Astoria was the only other bidder and after La Grande took a large lead over that city in the vote the Astoria delegation moved that a unanimous vote be extended La Grande.

There is a move on foot by the Hood River delegation to enter a resolution to have Oregon oppose the Paris convention because of the French attitude towards America at the present time. The resolution is expected to be presented this afternoon and indications are that it will be carried. The Oregon American Legion today was given a political aspect with the arrival of Governor Pierce, L. J. Patterson, Fred Steiner, Congressman Crumpacker and others.

FRIENDS FIND 'CAL' THE SAME

President Renews Acquaintances with Plymouth Neighbors and Goes Fishing.

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MEN TO REPLACE WOMEN WORKERS ON U. P. SYSTEM

OMAHA, Aug. 6 (AP).—The Union Pacific railroad gradually will replace its women employees on the Omaha to Ogden, Utah, system by men, as vacancies occur in all points, except stenographers and computer operators, under an order issued by W. M. Jeffers, general manager.

G. H. Sines, assistant to the vice president, in charge of operations, explained that no women would be discharged. Sines declined to discuss reasons for the order, or whether it would extend to other parts of the Union Pacific system, which includes lines west of Ogden and through Kansas.

Flyer Killed in Crash At Rantoul, Ill., Today

RANTOUL, Ill., Aug. 6 (AP).—One flyer was killed at Chanute Field here today and another who flew to his assistance crashed down beside him, receiving injuries expected to prove fatal.

First Lieutenant C. E. Partridge, Chicago, was flying at a height of 300 feet when his plane went into a tail spin and fell. Flying Cadet Harold C. Wilson, of Solfridge Field, Michigan, flew his plane to Partridge's assistance, went into a side slip at the same place and altitude and crashed less than 100 yards away. Wilson was taken from the wreckage unconscious. Partridge was dead when extricated.

Fights Mayor Bertha Landes



This is "Bob" LeRoy, leader of Seattle dance hall girls organized to fight the edict of Mayor Bertha Landes against the girls introducing themselves to men. The girls have formed a union and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

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Postmasters in Favor Of Civil Service Rule

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP).—Resolutions endorsing a bill placing all postmasters under the civil service were adopted late yesterday at the convention of the Oregon branch of the National League of District Postmasters. A pending bill would put first, second and third class postmasters under civil service as well as those of fourth class offices which are now under those regulations.

J. B. Schaeffer, postmaster at Lunton, was reelected president of the Oregon branch. Among the district vice presidents named was W. E. Russell, of Wilbur, third district. Con. Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties.

Blind Pigs in Detroit Cut Restaurant Trade

DETROIT, Aug. 6 (AP).—Blind pigs that serve meals and lunches have become so numerous here, according to the Detroit branch of the National Restaurant association, that the police department has been asked to do something about it.

At the present time, according to the findings of a committee appointed by the association, there are 17,000 blind pigs in Detroit. Eighteen months ago former Police Commissioner Frank Cronk estimated the number at 15,000. The committee charges that 29 per cent of the blind pigs are either selling or giving away food to their customers and that they are feeding from five to six times as many persons as the 2000 restaurants and hotels of the city.

PROSECUTOR OUTLINES HIS CASE TODAY

Circumstantial evidence to Prove Gaines' Guilt, Colvin Declares

ALLEGED MURDER IS RECONSTRUCTED

Father of Sylvia Accused of Slaying His Daughter Deliberately and Premeditatedly.

SEATTLE, Aug. 6 (AP).—With a jury of nine men and three women in the box, the state of Washington today prepared to offer evidence admittedly circumstantial that Wallace Cloyes Gaines beat and strangled his 22-year-old daughter Sylvia to death on the edge of a lake here June 16.

Ten witnesses summoned by the state to testify today included: O. B. Rippe and J. L. Reynolds, carpenters, who found the denuded body of Miss Gaines the morning of June 17; Henry Kinberg, a salesman, the next person to see the body, and Estropol C. C. Jensen and Hollis J. Rush, said to have been the first officers who viewed it.

Others were John D. Landis, detective of the Seattle police department; Coroner W. H. Corson and W. J. Jones, J. R. Boyd and H. B. Kennedy, deputy coroners. Hints of "Strange" Love. Relating what the state would prove, Prosecutor Colvin said yesterday that when Sylvia, a Smith college graduate, came to Seattle, whom she had not seen for 16 years, she strange and unnatural affection grew between the two.

"Gaines, it will be borne in mind, was a chronic user of alcohol," Colvin said. "After a quarrel he followed the girl from her home. He talked to her and tried to persuade her, but she stood firm. "It was her father and she made no outcry."

TROPICAL STORM MOVING NORTH FROM BERMUDAS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP).—A tropical storm of marked intensity is moving northward from Bermuda, and the weather bureau has warned shipping of the North Atlantic coast to expect tomorrow and Sunday.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 6 (AP).—A gale, which began yesterday at times reaching hurricane velocity, was sweeping Bermuda today. A few small pleasure craft in the harbor have been swamped and ferry service between Hamilton Paget and Somersport has been stopped.

Catholic Boycott Is Making Progress in Chaotic Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6 (AP).—The economic boycott is making itself felt in the capital. While the surface calm continues in the situation engendered by the tremendous conflict between the government and the Catholic church in Mexico, the protest of the latter through the nerves of trade is making itself increasingly potent.

Making Decreased. A decided decrease in trade is noted by many stores and shops, particularly by those catering to women. Some of these estimate the reduction in retail sales at as much as 40 per cent of normal. The bulk of men of the working and moderate income classes are buying less clothing, shoes and hats. Stores report the trade of wealthy men is about normal, but they say this is not the case of wealthy wives, who, like their poorer sisters, are spending much less money.

The moving picture theaters are drawing smaller crowds. Wholesale houses say that at present it is impossible for them to appraise the situation as this is the dead season, when even in normal times few orders come in.

Ignore K. C. Resolution. Thus far the Mexican government has made no statement with regard to the action of the Knights of Columbus convention in Philadelphia sending a petition to President Coolidge requesting him to raise the embargo on the shipment of arms to Mexico. Catholic bishops and priests in Mexico are demanding the rights guaranteed to Mexicans under the national constitution of the country.

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TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE. BOSTON, (AP) 11, H. E. Pittsburgh 5 to 4. Boston 4 to 2. Batteries: Yde, Aldridge and Goetz; Genwlich, Mogridge, Benton and Siemer.