

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

To the Editors:

The writer of the following was among the legionnaires who recently attended the American Legion convention at Marshfield and is also a member of the La Grande post and bugle corps. Upon my return from Marshfield I was going over some of the observations which I had made during my absence and noticed over one of the convention stories this heading, "La Grande Drum Corps Falls to Pieces." This heading, to the eyes of the public, would naturally bring a thought to mind that the La Grande corps was of inferior quality and stood no chance in competition and was just more or less a bunch of fellows out for a good time. This is by far not the case. The La Grande corps, I can say without a doubt and without prejudice, made as good or better showing than any corps there when it came to the parade and street work and appearance. We went down to Marshfield with the avowed purpose of bringing the convention to La Grande in 1927 and to show the people of the state that there was at least one live town in Eastern Oregon and incidentally to have a good time while doing the same. In order to do these things the La Grande corps appeared 12 times on the street the first day and played to one hour and a half straight the night before the convention city for next year was chosen. This incidentally was the night before the contest and while the other corps were resting for the morning contest we were working an end of boosting for La Grande.

The prize was in the minds of the other corps and La Grande was in the minds of our corps. Naturally we were not as fit as were the other corps when it came to the contest but we offer no illibis, the best corps won and La Grande got the convention. It would have been nice for the La Grande corps to have been one of the top three but it would have been just as nice if our home paper would have headed its story "La Grande Drum Corps Places Sixth in Contest" and gave us a little credit at that.

However, be that as it may, La Grande is going to have some time in outdoing Marshfield when it comes to entertaining the legion delegates and visitors next year and my cooperation we may receive from your paper in getting this idea before its readers will be greatly appreciated. If the citizens of La Grande are proud of their city as we all are (including the members of the drum corps) every man, woman and child in this city and neighboring cities will have to get up on their toes and start to prepare for this convention. When we say there will be 1500 visitors we mean there will be that many and perhaps more. It is up to us as citizens of La Grande and boosters of our community (including the members of the drum corps) to try and exceed any coast town in hospitality and entertainment. La Grande can do it but George can't.

Yours truly,
RAYMOND O. WILLIAMS.

Lillian's Rival



Col. Bernard Freyberg, athlete, friend of Sir James Barry, and hero of the World war, in training quietly at Dover, Eng., for an attempt to swim the English channel, to be made probably about the time that Lillian Cannon, of Baltimore, tries it.

"Here I Come!"



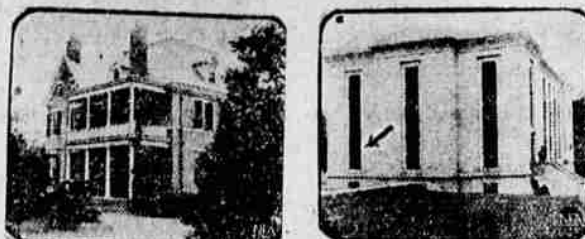
"Pinkie" favorite of the Medical School building, Washington, D. C., has his own private doorway. No other tenant is so honored.

They're Detectives in the Hall-Mills Case



The arms of "Jersey Justice" in the Hall-Mills case are pictured here. Left to right they are: Captain John J. Lamb, state police; Major Mark Kimberling, superintendent of state police; Detective Joseph Hannon; Prosecutor Francis Bergen; Captain Harry W. Walsh of Jersey City police; Detective Sergeant Richard J. Lark of Jersey City police; Louis Williams, counsel; state police; Lamb, Walsh and Hannon; arrested Mrs. Hall after an investigation made by themselves and the others.

Midnight Ride of Mrs. Hall



At the hour of midnight Mrs. Hall was taken from her home in New Brunswick to the cell marked by the arrow in the Somerset county jail at Somerville. She was denied food.

WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA LAKE, (Special)—Mr. Sutton, of Portland, blamed the refuse from the original course of Wallowa river below the falls this week. There is still much debris which cannot be moved until the high water next spring however.

Professor and Mrs. Petrie are at the White Elephant chalet this week. Professor Petrie is the head of the music department at Corvallis. Mrs. Petrie is a music instructor in the department.

Judge and Mrs. J. W. Knowles are also at the White Elephant chalet.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fitzgerald, of La Grande, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shumard, of Portland, are spending a week at the Wonder land.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hanna and daughters, of La Grande, returned to their home this week after spending two weeks here vacationing. They were at the Dawson cottage.

Joe Munhall, Alice Munhall and Margaret Donovan, of La Grande, were week end guests of Mrs. Fred Smith here.

Mrs. Utah and son, Albert, of San Francisco, are the guests of Mrs. Fred Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tuckey are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvert here.

Wednesday fourteen guests at the lake took the trip to Aneroid lake and the look-out. From the look-out fifteen lakes can be seen. It is within a few feet of being ten thousand feet above sea level.

Another party left Monday for Aneroid lake.

Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McPherson are spending a week at the lake.

Sunday guests at the lake were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dixon, and Mrs. Dixon's mother and two daughters, of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pugh, Mrs. H. G. Smith, Edna Jones, and Robert Eakin, all of La Grande.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION, (Special)—Mrs. Viola Parlor left Saturday morning for Yakima, Wash., for a week's visit with her brother. From there she will go to Tacoma for a visit with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Conner and sons, Barton and Malcolm, returned Monday to their home here after spending a few weeks at Newport, Oregon vacationing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cantle and daughters, of Marion, Kansas, are visiting at the home of her brother, Tony Smith. They expect to be at Union for about two weeks.

Mrs. Elma Haveman, of Woodburn, is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mollie Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Osburn, of Marshfield, Oregon, who visited at Union about a week ago at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sara Shaput, returned Sunday afternoon after a trip to Boise, Ida. They will return to their home at Marshfield the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Huff and Mrs. Alma Huff, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knight Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Webb was called to Chehalis, Wash., Monday by the serious illness of her father, Andrew Wilkinson.

GRANGE HALL PERSONALS

GRANGE HALL, (Special)—Donald Steinbeck is ill of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Clarence Redhead, of La Grande, spent Tuesday night at the home of her mother, Mrs. Edith Gekeler.

Nettie Davis, of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gekeler, accompanied by Mrs. Edith Gekeler, drove to Lostine where they attended the Wallowa county Pomona grange meeting Saturday.

Mrs. C. D. Huffman was an Elgin visitor Tuesday. While there she attended the circus.

Mrs. John Steinbeck was recently called to Newberg by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Hall.

Poets' Corner

DEDICATED TO EZRA MEKKER
Age old and sage, they haunt the sky,
As spring and summer pass them by;
Pine clad the rugged mountains stand
That watch above this western land.

As daylight fades, behind their crest,
And twilight gathers in the west—
This seems a land of discontent
Half western, and half orient.

Half eastern with the mystery
Of sephers from a peaceful sea,
And western, ah! because 'twas here
The cowboy found the last frontier.

At night among the chapparal
Where long ago a chieftain fell
Strange brooms moon, across the sand
A message from the spirit land.

All of this early discontent
Is cold, gray stone and monument,
And trails, dimmed by the years
That lay
The winter's snow on what was May.

Such sterling men, such men unfamed
That won for us a land unnamed,
I stand with head unbared to you
This is the most that I can do.

To add to all that has been said
Salute you, of the silvered head,
And realize today that I
Have seen a king of men pass by.

—WILLIAM SHAW.

New Hall-Mills Prosecutor



Alexander Simpson, Jersey City barrister, has been named special state prosecutor of Mrs. Frances Hall in the famous Hall-Mills murder case. Governor Harry Moore of New Jersey appointed him. As directing head of the prosecution he succeeds Frances Bergen, county prosecutor at Somerville, N. J., who had Mrs. Hall arrested.

MUST EXHIBIT PRICE CARDS

PARIS—The cost of living may be high in Paris, but hereafter the purchaser will know just what the price of food is before he buys, for tradesmen have been ordered to mark the price of everything plainly to avoid scalping on the fluctuation of the franc.

In 1874 the famous Dr. Osler examined two of his friends for life insurance. The one now surviving was refused insurance because of valvular lesion of the heart.

THE MILLSTONE



OFFICE CAT
TRADE MARK REG.
By Junius

FAIRY TALE
Once upon a time a man bought a soft collar, and when he wore it, it looked just as it did in the advertisement.

A La Grande man tells us that clothes are the things a man covers himself with for defense, and a woman herself for the purpose of attack.

LINGERING LIPS
They sat upon a snug divan
Before a fire that cast
Taut flickerings round the cosy
room.
With enders dying fast.

And as the embers dimmer grew,
She raised her lips in sweet
Surrender to his own, and then—
The picture was complete.

This scene remained just as it was,
Until it no doubt
Became embarrassed by the sight,
And slowly flickered out.

"What's the best thing to use on your face after shaving," asks an advertiser in a contest announcement.

Those sending in overt plaster as an answer will not be considered eligible for first prize.



Mayor S. M. Swartz (above) of Canton, O., has suspended Chief of Police R. A. Longel for 30 days, charging inefficiency and alleging that he was too familiar with characters of the underworld. The suspension came as a move in the effort to clear up the murder of Don H. Mellett, publisher of the Canton Daily News.

Newspaper bootleggers in Italy clandestinely sell newspapers which exceed the limit of criticism, allowed by the fascist government.

Why not mistreat Americans in France. They are foreigners.

HEAD COLDS
Melt in spoon; inhale vapors; apply freely up nostrilla.

VICKS
VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

**An Extra Cord—
An Extra Plug—**

How much time do you waste every day changing that extension cord from one room to the other, looking for that other plug—when another cord or an extra plug would save you all that time and energy.

"Convenience" is our business. Let us help you.

La Grande Electric Co.
1412 Adams Ave.

FRESH EGGS

We Guarantee Freshness--

Our dairy products and eggs are received from the neighboring farms daily. Freshness is guaranteed. And low prices prevail because we sell such large quantities.

BLUE MOUNTAIN CREAMERY
R. F. TYLER, Prop.
Telephone Main 60 1109 Washington Ave.

The Value Of Reputation

The value of a man is what he does, the worth he shows the world. He may be ever so good inside. If he doesn't prove it, he's worthless.

The value of a watch, a skillet, an automobile, is what it does, the worth it shows its user. It may be of highest serving power. If it can't prove it, it's useless. The reputation of any product is the known proof of its worth. The value of that known proof is that you can recognize it.

When you buy an advertised watch or skillet, you buy value with a reputable manufacturer's name behind it. You don't have to wait till you use it to know it. The qualities which made it advertisable have proved the worth for you. You need only ask for he product by name. Fastened securely to that name are quality, service, satisfaction.

Read the Advertisements. They familiarize you with established reputations.