

SECOND CITY WELL COMES IN

YIELD WATER AT DEPTH OF 1,260 FEET

About 200 Gallons a Minute Flowing Early This Morning

TEMPERATURE IS ABOUT THE SAME

Drillers Still Working, Hoping to Tap More Water Deeper—Tests to Be Made Soon.

The city's second artesian well "came in" last night at 9 o'clock with a surge flow which steadily increased until early this morning. It measured about 200 gallons a minute or about 300,000 gallons every 24 hours.

The drillers are still busy and expect to increase the flow of water as they go further into the earth. When the flow was struck, the drillers were down about 1,250 to 1,255 feet. The water, somewhat muddy as yet, is clearing more each hour. The temperature is about the same as on the first well.

To Test Water City manager W. C. Crews announces he will send samples of the water to O. A. C. for tests within a few days. The second well is located a few yards from the first well but taps, drillers believe, an entirely different vein of water. The first well is down only 1,034 feet, more than 200 feet nearer the surface than the second well.

The two wells, now, without pumping, will deliver about 364,000 gallons of water each day and by turning on the pumps, this can be increased greatly. A number of local people visited the new well this morning. The water is pouring over the 15 inch pipe at more than an inch.

City officials, delighted with the news of the strike, as many persons in La Grande were dubious—because of the depth to which the drills have pierced—that the second well would prove barren. City officials announced today that with two wells flowing the Beaver creek pipeline system by excellent shape, and the rest of the water system, in the best in many years, that La Grande will have more than enough water to supply all needs.

UNION COUNTY FAIR ALLOWED SUM OF \$1,000

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—County courts would be permitted to provide financial assistance to agricultural fair associations having corporate existence, by the terms of house bill 281, introduced by Representative William B. Briggs of Jackson county. Such funds might be used for the purchase of fair sites and the improvement of the same. A tax of one mill might be levied to carry out the purpose of the proposed law. The ways and means committee last night allowed several county fairs appropriations including Jackson county \$6,000; Josephine \$4,000; Klamath \$6,000; Wallowa \$4,000; Lane \$2,000; Union \$1,000; Smith River fair in Douglas county \$300.

PIONEER DIES PENDLETON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Joseph Arkell, 77, pioneer of Oregon since 1852, died at his home here yesterday. He was born in England.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING

It's not yet time for spring housecleaning—but you are getting ready for it with plans for changing things about, getting new things, getting rid of old things. Check over the things in the attic or storeroom or woodshed—check over the things you'd like to discard if you could do so to a reasonable advantage. Then write a Want Ad for The Observer and have it inserted several days. Someone wants the things you don't want. You can find them—and their money—with a Want Ad. The cost is extremely small—the line for the first insertion, 7c a line for each insertion thereafter.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Hill's City Park Plan Is Outlined To Business Men

Favors Placing National Guard Armory on Two-Block Site East of the High School.

A plan for a city park east of the high school and north of the court house, the site also to be used as the location for the national guard armory and possibly in the future a new high school when such a building is necessary was outlined today at the chamber of commerce luncheon by A. T. Hill, president of the city commission.

Hill's plan is to purchase two blocks between Fourth and Fifth streets, close M avenue, and turn the area into a city park. He declared that such a park and the armory would be available to the high school, the normal school if it is located east of the court house, and would also permit the guardsmen to use the high school athletic field as a drill ground.

Hill also declared that he favored building a two-block park under the hill in Connorsdale.

Resolutions Adopted Following reports by the legislative committee and short talks by Judge J. W. Knowles, County Clerk C. K. McCormick, H. E. Dixon and H. E. Coolidge, the chamber adopted a resolution favoring the house bill to increase the pay of the Union county clerk and judge and favoring raising the amount specified for the clerk from \$2,100 to \$2,400, and disapproving a bill that would give county courts the right to determine county officials' salaries.

The male quartet of the Willamette university sang three selections and Lloyd Thompson, baritone soloist, sang two numbers. Thompson was formerly a La Grande boy. The Rev. H. W. Parker announced the concert the glee club from Willamette will hold in the First M. E. church tonight.

Returns \$50 to Local Business Company Today

Using Foley hotel stationery, some person wrote an anonymous letter yesterday to the Grande Round Meat company, enclosing \$50. The letter arrived in this morning's mail and read as follows: "Grande Round Mt. Co. 'Please find \$50.00 that I took from you. I have Christ in my soul so I am returning this to you. Yours in Christ.'"

Arrest 3 Boys on Burglary Charge

Three boys, John Stewart, 18; Ernest Stewart, 14; and Clarence Wilson, 14, were arrested last yesterday by the police charged with entering the Van Patten Lumber company and the La Grande Grocery warehouse Sunday afternoon. All three have been before the police before. It is said, and will be arraigned before County Judge U. G. Cochran.

Man Fined \$200 for Liquor Possession

I. A. Knapp, who was arrested last week on a charge of possession of liquor, was tried in municipal court and found guilty before Municipal Judge C. M. Humphreys. The judge fined Knapp \$200 which he paid.

Firemen Here in Annual Clam Feed

Members of the La Grande Volunteer Fire department and a number of guests, about 20 in all, participated in the department's annual clam feed in the fire station last night, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. Besides the large quantity of clams, the menu consisted of crackers and cheese, pickles, beer, coffee, sherbet and cake.

Immigration Plan Approved in Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Without a record vote, the senate today approved and sent to the house a resolution deferring for one year the operation of provision in the immigration act for the fixing of quotas after next July 1, on the basis of national origins.

FOR NURSES



—NEA, Washington Bureau Navy nurses have a new style in head dress—a style nobody else can copy. Here's Chief Nurse Hester E. Walker, of the navy department, Washington, wearing one of the new uniform caps.

REFEREE CALLS GO NO-CONTEST

Alley-Buresh Wrestling Match Here Stopped After 33 Minutes

The scheduled wrestling match between Tom Alley, of Salt Lake City, and Stanley Buresh, of Dodge, Neb., in Legion hall last night resulted in Referee Seth Sirrine calling it a no-contest after 33 minutes, asserting that the two grapplers were stalling.

One fall had been counted up to that time. Alley pinning Buresh in 17 minutes 39 seconds with a crab. When the two came into the ring again the referee warned them that they must wrestle or he would call the affair off.

Alley Wrestles Queen Buresh left the mat immediately but Alley remained, protesting. He offered to wrestle anybody and Jess Queen, of Baker, who had challenged the winner before the match started, donned Buresh's tights with Alley agreeing to throw him in 15 minutes.

For 10 minutes Queen had Alley on the defensive, clamping on hold after hold, ranging from arm seizures and wristlocks to the knuckleheadlock.

A few minutes later, however, Alley squirmed around and jumped onto Queen's back with the result that the latter was unable to continue the match. Preceding the main event, Fred Bowers won a wrestle-royal and Coleman and Anderson fought a three-round draw.

Reading Course For Boys Started

Through the cooperation of the chamber of commerce office here and the public library a reading course for boys has been started. E. Russell Scott, boy scout executive, announced this morning. One shelf at the library has been especially set aside for books in which boys would be interested, including Indian stories, war stories, popular adventure stories, stories of the west, scout and sport stories. All boys of the city are invited to take advantage of this new reading course.

NEW YORK FRUIT NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP)—Evaporated apples inactive. Prunes firm. Apples steady. Peaches steady.

College Glee Club and Male Quartet To Appear in Concert This Evening

Eight Inches of Snow at Meacham

Eight inches of new snow fell on the top of the Blue Mountains last night it was reported to the state highway officials this morning from the highway patrolman stationed at Meacham. The snow was said to be wet, making removal difficult. Highway officials advised that anyone going over the mountain today to be sure to use chains. It was raining on top of the mountain this morning, packing the new snow considerably. Six inches of snow fell Sunday night.

LAST MINUTE MOVE STOPS C. R. O. SALE

A. W. Middleton Promises to Pay Back Taxes within Fortnight

SHERIFF AGREES TO HIS REQUESTS

Postpones Sale for Two Weeks to Give Him Time to Raise Money to Retire Indebtedness.

Once again Union county's little railroad has escaped going on the block, at least temporarily.

The sale of the Central Railroad of Oregon by Sheriff Jesse Breeshers was adjourned for a period of two weeks this afternoon at two o'clock when interested parties gathered at the office of the C. R. O. at Union for the sale.

The sheriff's sale was postponed upon the arrival of A. W. Middleton, prominent in one of the factions seeking control of the railroad, at Union and applying to the sheriff for adjournment of two weeks, promising that the taxes would be paid by that time.

Delinquent taxes on the railroad extend over a period of six years, totaling \$10,239. The value of the railroad is approximately \$114,000.

Others interested It is rumored in Union that G. E. More, head of the other faction, is also there in the interest of the railroad.

Ray Woodbury, of the Ray Woodbury company, which holds judgment against the property, was here yesterday and went to Union to look over the C. R. O. with the view of buying it at the sale and protecting the judgment in that way.

Other persons interested in the sale of the road are local logging companies. Representations of Union citizens, interested in the railroad for transportation service, were here yesterday and today in connection with the sale.

Allows Only Fortnight When the sale of the railroad was postponed for a week, with the understanding that it would be postponed for another week at the end of that time, Sheriff Breeshers announced that if the taxes had not been paid within two weeks allowed the road would positively be sold.

The new date for the sale, unless the taxes are paid before that time, is Feb. 15.

Uncle Sam Puts 10-Cent Airmail Rate in Effect

Beginning today airmail service can be used with the same freedom as any other mail, and postage rates on mail sent over the air route going into effect today. The airmail rate is now ten cents for every half ounce of mail, regardless of the destination—far or near. Airmail can also be registered or insured, and can be mailed in any mail box.

Before the matter of zones had made this impossible in many cases, one could not know how much postage to affix to the envelope. Now all that is necessary is mark the letter "airmail" and affix the correct postage and the letter will be sent over the air route.

Many people will wonder how large a letter may be to weigh half an ounce. Usually two sheets of ordinary writing paper and an envelope will come within the weight.

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Coolidge's Policy In South Approved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—By a vote of nine to five the house foreign affairs committee voted today to report the Fairchild resolution affirming the position taken by President Coolidge in the Nicaraguan-Mexican situation.

The vote was on party lines except that Representative Connolly, democrat, Texas, joined with eight republicans in the affirmative. He said he was opposed to the resolution and voted as he did because it would enable him to move to reconsider. He then made a motion that the vote be reconsidered, and the committee became involved in a discussion over the rules.

The Fairchild resolution would place the house on record as expressing "its full concurrence" with the president's position.

Daddy Browning Speaks Before Case Is Closed

Declares That Peaches' Charges That He Was a Cruel Husband Are Not Truthful.

COURT HOUSE, White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 1 (AP)—The Browning separation suit trial was ended at 3:50 o'clock this afternoon when the case was taken under advisement by Supreme Court Justice Seeger. Attorneys, by stipulation, will have two weeks from next Saturday in which to file briefs further bearing out their contentions.

COURT HOUSE, White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 1 (AP)—Flat denial of his wife's charges of cruelty, even more and prodigious generosity towards her, featured the appearance today on the witness stand of Edward W. Browning, New York realtor, in his separation suit against the former Frances (Peaches) Heenan.

"I certainly did not strike Peaches at any time or at any place," he declared. "I bought her everything she wanted and offered her more—even my skin once when she was burned," he said.

At no time, he declared, did he ever "jump about the floor like a monkey," or make strange noises set off alarm clocks at his wife's bedside or in other wise make life "unbearable for her."

His wife, he implied, was a wife "in many ways," and objected to him and his attentions because she did not want children.

COURT HOUSE, White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 1 (AP)—Edward West Browning took the stand at 11:25 o'clock today to deny his wife's charges that he was a cruel husband.

Flushed, but apparently not very nervous, the witness took his seat and gave his age as 52. Since he was 16 years old, he said, he had been in the real estate business.

His meeting with the then Francis Heenan at the McAllan hotel at a sorority dance was then described.

"Reduced the Age" "Miss Heenan walked up to a group of people I was with and after she had been introduced to me, she asked me to dance," Browning said. "After the dance she gave me her telephone number. She was 23, she said, at first, and I gradually reduced the age as I got better acquainted."

Browning said he had given the girl \$300 and her mother \$200 which was to be put toward her education, but excuses were made that she could not gain admission to the schools, and preferred to go on the stage anyway.

It was said that he had legally adopted Dorothy "Sunshine" Browning and had "had her since she was a wee little mite."

Tells of Acid Attack The witness described the incidents of the acid burning, the first knowledge of which he said was a telephone message from Mrs. Heenan.

"When I arrived at the Heenan home, I asked Mrs. Heenan what she had done for her daughter, knowing that she was a trained nurse, and she said 'nothing,' Browning said.

Browning detailed how medical attention was received and how he called the police, against Mrs. Heenan's wishes.

"Did you have anything to do with this acid burning of the girl," John E. Mack of Browning's counsel asked.

"Only with securing help and medical attention," answered Browning.

Browning said that he had paid Mrs. Mayor \$50 a week to take care of Frances in her illness and that he had paid rent and even taken food to the Heenan home.

Outlines Incident Browning then outlined the Peasira incident, when proceedings of the children's society threatened

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NAVAL BILL IS PASSED IN THE SENATE

Law-Makers Disregard Expressed Wishes of President Coolidge

PARTIES SPLIT IN FINAL VOTE

Twenty-Five Democrats and 24 Republicans Favor Amendment to Appropriation Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Disregarding the wishes of President Coolidge, the senate today approved the beginning of construction this year of three additional scout cruisers. The vote was 49 to 27.

The cruiser proposal was in the form of a committee amendment to the \$230,000,000 naval appropriation bill and would make available \$1,200,000 for the ships.

A similar amendment offered by republican leaders was rejected by the house after President Coolidge had made clear his wishes that further new naval construction, under the auspices of the league of nations to bring about a new armament conference.

Twenty-five democrats and 24 republicans made up the 49 total for the amendment while 18 republicans, eight democrats, and the one farmer-labor member supported the president.

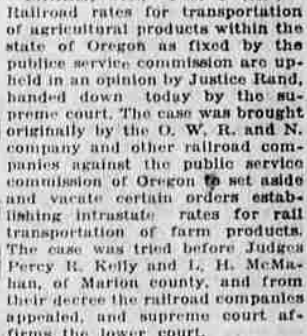
Sullivan Swims From Catalina to the Mainland

LONG BEACH, Cal., Feb. 1 (AP)—Henry F. Sullivan, of Lowell, Mass., who conquered the English channel, but failed in the recent Wringle ocean marathon to negotiate the San Pedro channel from Santa Catalina, Island to California's mainland, declared here today he swam from a point near the Isthmus on the island to Point Vicente yesterday after 22 hours and 45 minutes in the water. He said there were nine witnesses to the 29-odd mile swim.

Sullivan, who was being rubbed down in a Turkish bath, said his conveying boat developed motor trouble after he landed and the party was unable to get back until 8 o'clock this morning. A boat sent out by a Long Beach newspaper accompanied the Massachusetts swimmer.

P. S. C. Ruling Is Upheld by Court SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Railroad rates for transportation of agricultural products within the state of Oregon as fixed by the public service commission are upheld in an opinion by Justice Hand, handed down today by the supreme court. The case was brought originally by the O. W. R. and N. company and other railroad companies against the public service commission of Oregon to set aside and vacate certain orders establishing intrastate rates for rail transportation of farm products. The case was tried before Judge Percy R. Kelly and L. H. McMaslan, of Marion county, and from their decree the railroad companies appealed, and supreme court affirms the lower court.

A WET DAY ON MAIN STREET



Cities along the Ohio river haven't lacked water recently. This picture shows one of the principal streets of Pomeroy, Ohio, during the floods.

100,000 Acres in Arkansas Under Water; No Deaths

Breaks in Levee Cause Floods in Woodruff, Prairie and Monroe Counties.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 1 (AP)—More than a hundred thousand acres of land were under water today as a result of levee breaks caused by floods in the St. Francis district here, but reports of deaths in the stricken area were discounted by Red Cross workers.

Woodruff, Prairie and Monroe counties were almost entirely under water along the course of the White river where the most serious break occurred.

The state military department was caring for 700 to 1000 persons who were forced from their homes to the shelter of tents. In Cotton Plant, a town located on high ground in the middle of the flooded district, 500 persons are being cared for.

Families Marooned Thirteen families were marooned on a knoll of ground near Calhoun. Messages indicated that although they needed food, clothing and medicine, they were in no immediate danger.

Doyle Clem, 12-year-old boy, thrice reported drowned, not only was alive and well today but was rescued by Little Rock relief workers for the rescue of his younger brother and baby sister.

Story of Heroism His mother had become alarmed when the waters began to rise and leaving her three children in their home, went to seek aid. In the meantime, the house became flooded and Doyle carried his brother and sister to a bridge over a stream which he had to cross to reach higher ground. Midstream, wading on the rail of the bridge, waist deep in water, he could go no further. For hours the boy held the two younger children above water until they were reached by rescuers in a rowboat.

THREE TONES IN BUSINESS SUITS Tailors' Association Gives Advance Information on Men's Styles

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—The Pacific Coast Merchant Tailors' association having shown Portland a dazzling display of men's finery, settled down to business of its eighth annual convention today to talk shop and plan a year's activity.

Resolutions advocating a national advertising campaign to improve men's taste in dress were before the convention today.

Men's business suits in three tones were forecast for 1928. John Strawn, of Sacramento, Cal., president of the association gave the advance information. As an example of this style a man would have a coat of oxford gray, trousers of a lighter shade of oxford gray and a vest of an in-between shade.

Spectacle Styles Styles of spectacles to fit different occasions are on display in connection with the latest of masculine adornment. For full dress the octagonal rimless lens, with edges enameled in dark blue or black is proper; for office rims of white or yellow gold; for sport wear dark or two-toned rims, with glasses lightly tinted; for library dark shell rims with straight temples, the rims matching the jacket.

Many Missing The U. S. S. Monocacy, which is standing by at Seochwan during that city's evacuation, has reported that Admiral Williams that 104 Americans and 185 British are unaccounted for by American consular and naval authorities seeking to send them out of the interior of China.

Fifty-one Americans and 34 British have left Seochwan, while 49 Americans and 170 British are expected to arrive at Chungking, another evacuation center within 10 days.

EXPLOSION OF STILL CAUSES EUGENE BLAZE

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Tenants of a house at 2083 Fifteenth avenue east left abruptly last night, when a still they were believed to have been operating exploded and set the house on fire. Leaving the kitchen burning, the tenants took to the road in their auto and though they were held up at a crossing by a freight train, they managed to elude police and searchers who answered the call of neighbors.

Damages estimated at \$400 was done before the fireman could extinguish the fire. The kitchen where the explosion occurred, suffered the most.

Two men, a woman and a child are said by neighbors to have occupied the house. They moved in a short time ago. Glass in the window of the bedroom was shattered, and neighbors declare that the woman jumped from a bed when the explosion occurred, seized the child from a crib, and leaped through the window.

The top of the copper boiler of the still was blown off by the force of the explosion. Several empty bottles, unused, were found, leading to the belief that the still was newly set up.