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CONTRACT TO BUILD HOTEL IS AWARDED

Tranchell & Parelus Suc-
cessful Bidders for the
Beckell Project

STRUCTURE WILL BE FIRE PROOF

L. S. Weeks Receives Mes-
sage Today from Port-
land Telling of Plans
for Construction.

A night message was received early this morning by L. S. Weeks from W. C. Beckell, Portland promoter, announcing that the general contract for the construction of a six-story modern fire-proof hotel in La Grande at the corner of Fourth street and Adams avenue, had been let to Tranchell & Parelus. This is the same company that recently was given the contract for a \$37,000 job here in the O-W. yards.

Mr. Beckell's message to Mr. Weeks did not give the number of the bid but it did state that construction would begin as quickly as the contracting company can prepare its equipment and come to La Grande.

Steel, Concrete Structure
The original plans for the hotel did not call for fire-proof construction, but the building will be erected all steel and concrete. This change in plans was one reason for the delay of a few days in letting the contract, as it resulted in some changing of figures on the part of contractors.

Mr. Weeks has the responsibility of attending to the clearing of the hotel site.

To Clear Site.
He announced this morning that work was scheduled to begin next week on removing the Grandy home, one of the pioneer dwellings of La Grande.

The Standard Oil company will attend the removing of its filling station, located on the corner of the hotel site.

A hotel permit for the hotel was taken out last in February by Mr. Weeks for Mr. Beckell, and the sum given in the permit for construction is \$225,000. Whether the decision to build a fire-proof hotel will materially increase the cost of the structure has not been stated.

Mr. Weeks, who is manager of the Union Mortgage and Investment company, is also serving as local agent for Mr. Beckell.

SECRETARIES TO MEET HERE FRIDAY MORN

A regional meeting of chamber of commerce secretaries of Eastern Oregon will be held in La Grande tomorrow, beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the morning at the city hall.

At noon the secretaries and other chamber of commerce representatives present for the meeting will meet for luncheon with the La Grande Realty board at the Sommer hotel, when W. G. Ide, general manager of the state chamber of commerce will talk on "Cooperation."

Judge William Dwyer and Dr. W. T. Pyle, directors of the state chamber of commerce in this district, will also be present for the meeting in addition to other local chamber of commerce representatives.

DICKERING WITH GODFREY
PENDLETON, Mar. 10 (AP).—The Pendleton Elks are dickering with George Godfrey, negro heavy-weight boxer, to do a sparring act with Tiger Thomas, colored boy, in a smoker here in the near future.

**IF HE
USED HIS
MIRROR**
The business man whose business doesn't grow is as disturbed as you are when your income doesn't do the same thing. He wants to know why—just as you do.

He might not be able to help you in your difficulty but you probably are able to help him—if he'll only ask you. You could tell him a lot of things about improved service and stocks possibly—but your primary reason for not trading with him is that his business doesn't interest you enough. And yet it is probably a very interesting business—AFTER you know about it. The only way you can know about it is through his advertising. It's the one means on which you depend for business news. If the business is not in the picture you see, your interest naturally goes elsewhere.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Mrs. Sherwood Is Called by Death; Funeral Friday

Union County Pioneer
Passes to the Beyond at
Home of Her Daughter
Late Yesterday.

Mrs. Kate A. Sherwood, wife of the late T. F. Sherwood and a pioneer of Union county, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Hoppel, at 5 p. m. Wednesday, surrounded by all members of her family.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Bohlenbaum mortuary with the Rev. H. W. Parker, Methodist pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

The decedent was born on Mar. 10, 1858, near Richmond, Macomb county, Michigan. On April 19, 1877, she was married to T. F. Sherwood at Wyoming, N. Y., going from there to Iowa where she spent one year. In April, 1880 she arrived at La Grande via San Francisco and Umatilla, making the trip on boat and stage.

She lived at the Sherwood home five miles southeast of La Grande until the death of her husband in November, 1925. Since then she resided with her daughter.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a son and daughter, W. O. Sherwood, of La Grande; Mrs. Jennie Hoppel, of La Grande; two grandchildren, Cecil and Vernon Sherwood, two brothers, F. E. Allen, of Marshfield, and F. H. Allen, of Portland, besides a host of neighbors and friends.

Three Plays To Be Given Here Tomorrow Night

A benefit program for the M. L. A., featuring three short plays and special music between acts, will be staged at the L. I. S. tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Two will be one-act plays. The first, "A Kiss in the Dark," will be by Elmo Clegg, May Bean, Thelma Beckell, Maxine McNeil and Joe Bean. "Rose of Anvers," will be presented by Elmo Clegg, Elwood Guillemin and Tave Hendrickson.

The third, a song play, "Love in a Garter," will be presented by Elmo Clegg, Thelma Beckell and Maxine McNeil.

The public is invited to attend.

Legionnaires of Two Counties to Meet Tomorrow

All ex-service men and members of the Ladies' auxiliary of the American Legion are urged to attend the district conference of the American Legion posts of Union and Walla Walla counties, and the auxiliary, to be held here tomorrow afternoon and evening.

These conferences are the only contact that the legionnaires have with the department officers except the state convention and the purpose of the meeting is to keep the members posted on what is being accomplished, and find out what is necessary to be done within the organization, as well as to answer all question in which ex-service men are interested.

Evening Banquet
In the evening the legion and auxiliary will meet for a banquet, to be served by the members of the auxiliary. This will be followed by a dance.

Today the state officers are in Baker, where they are holding a similar conference. Saturday they will be in Pendleton.

Tonight the regular convention commission meeting of local post will be held at Legion hall, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Hibbard Guilty, Jurors Decide

After deliberating for seven hours, a circuit court jury found C. R. Hibbard guilty of larceny. Judge J. W. Knowles will sentence him Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The jurors went out yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and did not return until 9:30.

Court was then adjourned until Monday morning when the case of the State vs. Charles O'Hara, charged with murder in connection with the death of Jack Sturm, will begin.

ANTI-FOREIGN MOB
SHANGHAI, Mar. 10 (AP).—Anti-foreign demonstrations occurred at Wuhu 200 miles west of Shanghai, throughout Tuesday and Wednesday in the course of which rioters wrecked customs house and customs club. Foreign men were concentrated under the protection of warships.

CANNON FOUND DEAD
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (AP).—William Cannon, secretary of the Under Secretary of the Interior, was found dead today in the office, equipped recently by Mills as a representative in the house office building.

RENAMING OF CITY STREETS IS TAKEN UP

Two Plans Are Now Con-
sidered by Local City
Commissioners

PIONEER NAMES ARE SUGGESTED

Mrs. Rosenbaum Presents
Idea of Numbering All
Streets from Central
Point by Direction.

Renaming La Grande streets was the chief topic discussed by the city commission last night and, in addition to numerous pioneer names suggested as fitting names for local streets, Mrs. Rosenbaum presented a plan to rename all of the city's streets, following the style which has been adopted in many cities of number all excepting division streets.

Her plan is to rename Adams avenue Broadway and Fourth street Main and then, using the postoffice as a center, number streets west, east, south and north. For example, a street four blocks west of the post office would be West 4th street. This would do away with confusion in finding streets, she asserted, and would also provide for indefinite extension of streets should the city boundaries be extended.

Suggest Monument
Mrs. Rosenbaum declared that she honored the pioneers highly but expressed the opinion that it would be more fitting to erect a permanent monument to the pioneers and engrave all their names on the statue. If streets are named after them, she pointed out, some would necessarily be omitted.

No decision was reached on the renaming problem last night but it was decided to call a joint meeting of the city planning commission and the city commission in the next few days to consider the proposition.

Many Names Suggested
Among names of pioneers suggested for the 25 lettered streets in La Grande were:
Adams, Arnold, Ackley, Allen, Adams, Anderson,
Baker, Brown, Bare, Black, Ber-

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WINTER LOSS BY FIRE NOT GREAT

Recent Season Finds Few
Blazes in La Grande,
Fire Chief Reports

Fire loss in La Grande during the winter months of November, December and January was less than for many years, Fire Chief Charles O. Murchison reported this morning.

Mr. Murchison gave the following figures:
November: alarms 4, property at risk \$2,100; insurance at risk \$2,100; insurance loss \$158.57.
December: alarms 4, property at risk \$3,500; insurance at risk \$3,500; insurance loss \$18.50.
January: alarms 6, property at risk \$11,500; insurance at risk \$7,870; property loss \$3,375; insurance loss \$1,225.

This gives a total for the three months as follows:
Alarms 14; property at risk \$18,100; insurance at risk \$15,170; insurance loss \$1,401.57.

Religious Training School Plans Discussed at Administration Meet

The board of administration of the religious leadership training school to be held in La Grande under the auspices of the ministerial association met last night and organized preparatory to the beginning of the school.

The board of administration is made up of representatives from the various churches who are co-operating in the movement. The members of the board are: Ferdinand Jensen of the Lutheran church; H. E. Ayres, the Episcopal church; H. E. Dixon, Methodist Episcopal church; Mrs. H. A. Fox, Baptist church; Mrs. Dallas Green, Christian church; Mrs. Turner Oliver, Presbyterian church; Walter Johnson, Salvation Army and W. A. Elam, Methodist church south.

H. E. Ayres was elected chairman of the board and the week following Easter Sunday was tentatively set as the time for the school.

W. L. Van Nys, religious education field representative of the Presbyterian church, will be here and will act as dean of the school and an effort is being made to obtain other field representatives, which will probably be Mrs. Clara Eason, field worker of the Christian church.

The courses of study to be offered during the weeks intensive study will include: the pupil, for which the Rev. Oliver Riley will be instructor; principals of teaching, in charge of Mrs. L. H. Ayres; Bible course, in charge of the Rev. Hall K. Wallis; church school administration, in charge of Mr. Van Nys and probably a fifth course, primary methods, in charge of Mrs. Clara Eason.

A budget of \$50 for the expenses of the school was decided upon, the fund to be made up from registration fees of one dollar. No definite date has been set for the registration, but it will probably be sometime in the near future.

The school is for the entire community, regardless of denomination, giving all who have an opportunity to become trained for Sunday school work. Classes will be held for six consecutive nights, two recitation periods being held each night, in addition to a chapel period.

The school will measure up to the standard of the International Council of Religious Education of Chicago.

It is the first school of religious education of this kind ever held in La Grande, and those sponsoring it hope that it will become an annual affair to be continued from year to year.

La Grande Team To Play Wasco at 7:30 Tonight

Pendleton Draws Med-
ford for First Game—If
Tigers Win Today Sal-
em or Astoria Next.

La Grande was comparatively lucky in drawing a place in the state basketball tournament—lucky in that she did not contract one of the supposed strongest fives in Oregon for an initial game. Local fans were hoping that the Tigers would pick a team that would give them a chance to become accustomed to the Willamette university floor without dropping the contest and they believe that in Wasco such an opponent has been found.

Here is the schedule for today:

3 p. m.—Pendleton vs. Medford.
4 p. m.—Eugene vs. Tillamook.
7:30 p. m.—La Grande vs. Wasco.
8:30 p. m.—Astoria vs. Salem.

Franklin high of Portland and Marshfield will complete the first round of the championship flight tomorrow morning when they play at 9:30 o'clock.

May Play Salem or Astoria
The remainder of the schedule follows:

Friday, 10:30 a. m.—Winner Pendleton-Medford vs. winner Eugene-Tillamook.

Friday afternoon—First round consolation tournament.

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—Winner La Grande-Wasco vs. winner Astoria-Salem.

Friday, 8:30 p. m.—Winner Marshfield-Franklin vs. winner of 10:30 a. m. game.

Saturday afternoon—Consolation tournament.

Saturday, 8:30 p. m.—Finals for championship.

Real Battles Today
With a strenuous three days ahead the boys drawn by Marshfield and Franklin high looked good to them, according to word from Salem by the Associated Press. The wire report indicated that La Grande is hoped to defeat Wasco but that the other three games today are expected to be real battles.

The Tigers arrived in Salem yesterday along with Pendleton and Astoria. The La Granderes, arrayed in knickerbockers, are winners of the sectional championship already, according to press reports in this morning's papers.

The Salem Capital-Journal, in summing up the outlook, believes that Medford, Eugene, Salem, Tillamook and La Grande stand out as the big teams.

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Cove Fruit Men Attend Meeting With Specialist

Although the attendance was not as large as at previous horticulture meetings held at Cove, the meeting yesterday was the best ever held there, according to T. C. Hefly.

Twenty fruit growers attended the morning meeting during which time soil improvement was discussed. C. L. Long, horticulture specialist from the Oregon Agricultural college leading in the discussion, T. C. Hefly presided over the meeting, and other problems of interest to Cove fruitmen were discussed during the morning.

In the afternoon a field meeting demonstrating pruning was held. Mr. Long pointed back on raspberry, red currant, and several different kinds of prune and cherry trees.

Today Mr. Long and H. G. Avery, county agriculturist, are meeting with fruit growers and others interested at Imbler.

Sudden Marriages Killed by Statute

CHICAGO, Mar. 10 (AP).—A step toward more stringent regulation of marriage and divorce with at least the lapse of a month between the announcing of an approaching marriage and the marriage itself, as a deterrent to sudden marriages, has been introduced by a special committee of the Presbyterian general council, the Chicago Tribune said today.

King Alfonso Is Ill of the Grippe

MADRID, Mar. 10 (AP).—An official statement issued today says King Alfonso is ill of grippe which has been localized in the right lung.

JAPAN QUAKE CONDITIONS GROW WORSE

Floods, Cold, Snow, Rain
Add to Sufferings of
the Homeless

DEATH TOLL NOW AT 2,500 FIGURE

Property Damage Estimated at \$75,000,000—
U. S. Offers Assistance
of Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (AP).—Japan may suffer an even greater disaster than that of Monday's earthquake if the tremors this week have not adjusted the earth's strata of the islands, the Rev. Francis A. Tondorff, S. J., Georgetown university seismologist, said today.

Even the famous earthquake of 1923 did not equal the more recent one in intensity, he declared, and the latter has borne out the opinion frequently advanced that adjustment was not completed in 1923.

Seismologists can determine whether or not a third big shock is to follow he said, but pointed out that a thorough study of the recent tremors must be made first. Slight after-shocks may be expected for some time.

TOKYO, Mar. 10 (AP).—Each succeeding report from the earthquake area in Central Japan furnishes a fresh chapter in a tale of horror. Bitter cold, snow, rain, overflowing streams and lack of food and shelter all have added to the trials of the terror-stricken persons whose homes either toppled about them when the earth rocked Monday evening, or were burned in the fires that followed.

The army, navy and police are making every effort to reach the sufferers but broken railway tracks, blocked roads and flooded country are hindering them. Violent wind and rough seas have prevented destroyers from reaching the spots with supplies.

Communication Incomplete
Communication with the region is still spasmodic and thus complete list of the casualties cannot be made.

Official reports to the home office say there are 2,455 dead, 4,107 injured and 85 missing. About 6,000 houses were destroyed by fire or collapse and over 2,000 were badly damaged.

The homeless are being rapidly relieved through the construction of barracks, and food and medicines are flowing into the devastated region.

Damage \$75,000,000
Newspaper reports estimate the number of dead at between 2,000 and 5,000. Estimates of the homeless range from 50,000 to 75,000. Observers believe the material damage may amount to \$75,000,000.

A late dispatch from Miyazu says the rain had stopped there enabling relief work to be carried out. Survivors have again started the almost hopeless task of searching for lost relatives. Some bodies are being buried and others are being buried in pits dug by the soldiers.

The police are maintaining strict order in the quake zone. Health officials are using their energies to prevent an epidemic. Thousands of coolies are at work repairing the roads and soldiers and sailors are collecting bodies and building crude barracks to shelter the living.

Miyazaki, Kaya, Onoguchi, Yamada, Ichita and other desolated towns and villages are badly in need of food and other supplies. The army, navy and police are being urged to do their utmost to relieve the suffering.

The Tokyo municipality and the chamber of commerce are raising relief funds.

Charles MacVeigh, the American consul general, has been authorized to raise relief funds.

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Men in Quebec Are Not De Autremonts

ARTHABASKA, Quebec, Mar. 10 (AP).—Two men held here under suspicion of being Roy and Ray DeAutremont, sought for train robbery in Oregon, are not the men wanted by Detective Ethel Lafonde of the Royal Canadian mounted police, announced today.

He said the fingerprints of the suspects did not correspond with those of the bandits. The men are being held pending instructions from Ottawa.

The officer also examined James Pinaud, arrested with the suspects last week after they had applied for shelter at the Ashcroft, Quebec, police station. Pinaud had made an affidavit the pair had told him they were the DeAutremonts.

Prune Growers of Washington Elect

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 10 (AP).—Two hundred prune growers meeting at State Line, near here, yesterday afternoon re-elected the temporary board of directors which organized.

Speakers at the meeting expressed themselves confident that the cooperative plan of marketing would succeed, more than 500 growers having signed the agreement of the Blue Mountain Prune Growers Co-operative association, which represents about 30 per cent of the prune tonnage of the Walla Walla-Milton-Crowwater area.

Bruce Shugale was named president, Harry A. Reynolds, vice president, and H. R. Van Slyke, secretary-treasurer.

HARRY SINCLAIR ON TRIAL



The third of that famous trio—Fall, Doheny and Sinclair—finally has gone on trial. Charged with contempt of the United States senate, Harry Sinclair, big oil and racehorse man, faces a district of Columbia court at Washington, with special prosecutors Alton C. Parker and Owen J. Roberts hoping for a speedy conviction. Teapot Dome, leasing of which caused the investigations, also is pictured above. The government rested its case yesterday and Sinclair's attorneys are shooting the defense broadsides today.

BREATH OF LIFE IS STILL AFLAME

Physicians Early Today
Hold Some Hopes that
Frick Will Recover

CHICAGO, Mar. 10 (AP).—Two p. m., 100th hour. Albert Frick's temperature remained 100 and his pulse continued strongly at 120.

CHICAGO, Mar. 10 (AP).—Kent alive 30 hours by artificial respiration supplied by friends working in pairs. Alfred Frick was reported by his three physicians today to have displayed unmistakable indications of improvement. The creeping paralysis had been reduced sufficiently for him to move his hands slightly, and the soft palate moved several times. He was conscious and cheerful.

His pulse was 120 and his temperature 100.

Just after 10 o'clock Frick fell into a natural sleep, one of the very few such instances since his long fight began. Frick's legs all have retained some sense of feeling, although he has been unable to move them.

He was considered still to have a chance for life, although the odds against recovery were almost prohibitive.

He had four teaspoonsful of coffee.

CHICAGO, Mar. 10 (AP).—The spark of life lent glow in the paralyzed body of Alfred Frick for four days by a resolute crew of men, working in shifts to provide artificial respiration, flickered feebly today as three score workers battled grimly against death.

Through the long watches they toiled, two by two, compressing and relaxing the limbs, that became numb Sunday morning, fighting to stay the end physicians feared was near.

Except for brief administration of oxygen there were no breaks in the rhythmic process but there were further signs of exhaustion in Frick's stricken body, and a bluish color spreading over the features of the 27-year-old patient told of a tide of battle against a straining heart.

Faulty Circulation
Doctors said this indicated faulty circulation and marked additional advance for the creeping paralysis that brought Frick to death's door Sunday morning when it paralyzed the spinal cord and the nerve contact with the diaphragm, causing lower chest muscles to cease functioning. An oxygen tank was brought into use shortly before midnight, after the 80th hour of artificial respiration when Frick's respiration showed signs of faltering.

The patient was given a drug and

Killed While on Way to Cemetery

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 10 (AP).—Death came to Mrs. Marian Mills yesterday afternoon when the automobile in which she was riding to a cemetery to decorate the grave of her late husband who died a month ago crashed into another machine at a street intersection. James Mills, her brother-in-law, who was driving the car, was seriously hurt. George Mills II, her son, was left an orphan by the accident. The driver of the other car escaped injury.

MAD FATHER SLAYS FOUR, KILLS SELF

Entire Tacoma Family Is
Wiped Out in Tragedy
Last Night

BLOWS STRUCK IN HOURS OF SLEEP

Ax and Hammer Used by
Harold Jensen to Mur-
der Family; Swallows
Poison Himself.

TACOMA, Mar. 10 (AP).—An entire family—father, mother and three children—were wiped out last night by homicides and suicide in one of the most gruesome tragedies in the history of the city.

Harold Jensen, 35, the father, once a patient at the Western State hospital at Stellacom and believed to have turned insane again, killed his wife and three children by crushing their skulls with blows from a small hand axe and a mechanics hammer. He then completed the destruction of his family by committing suicide by drinking a cup of poison.

The Victims

The victims, besides Jensen were: Mrs. Helga Jensen, wife; Harriet, 12; Richard 9 and Dale, 16 months.

Mrs. Jensen and the baby were instantly killed, while Richard and Harriet died several hours after the tragedy.

The destruction of the family is believed to have been accomplished in a period of 10 minutes preceding 11:30 o'clock when Jensen telephoned to police headquarters and told Captain Archie McDonald: "I have hurt my family."

Found Jensen Dead
Police first found Jensen lying on the floor of the kitchen. He was badly injured and dead.

In the front bedroom of the house were found Harriet and Richard. Although their skulls were badly crushed by blows from the hammer, they were still alive. Mrs. Jensen was found dead in the back bedroom. Her body was in the bed from which Jensen is believed to have taken the view of wiping out his family. Near the bed was the lifeless body of Dale. Both had been killed outright.

Only One Struggle
With the exception of Harriet all of Jensen's victims died without a struggle. From indications Harriet awakened when her brother was being beaten with the hammer. She threw off the covers of her bed and apparently made an effort to escape. Her attempt was futile as she was dragged back and then fatally injured. Richard died at 1:30 o'clock this morning while Harriet passed away at 2:30 o'clock. Hospital attendants stated that both died from compound skull fractures. Police believe that the entire Jensen family retired about 10 o'clock last night. When he believed the others of the household were asleep Jensen noiselessly arose, obtained the hammer and axe and began his work of destruction.

Jensen was injured by being struck on the head several days ago and his physicians believed that caused him to become insane.

BANK CASHIER INNOCENT, SHE TELLS COURT

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 10 (AP).—Plea of not guilty was entered this morning by Miss Harriet Weather- spoon, cashier of the Florence State and Savings bank, when she appeared in circuit court to answer charges of embezzlement of the bank's funds, and of making loans when she knew the reserve of the bank was impaired.

Date for her trial was set for Monday March 1