

RAILROAD SHOPS HERE COVER 40 ACRES OF LAND

Employs About 200 Men
in La Grande During All
Seasons of the Year

IMPROVEMENTS RUN HEAVY ANNUALLY

Locomotives Serving This
Division — Huntington
to Reth—Served and
Overhauled Here.

Practically every place there has been a railroad in La Grande. There have been railroad shops here, which during the years of growth and progress of the city have composed one of the leading industries.

The shops were built late in the year 1914, following the coming of the first train to La Grande. At that time, they were considerably smaller than they are now. They were, however, and differed greatly from the present large and modern equipped shops which are now located here.

Covers 40 Acres.
The railroad yards, all of which are closely connected with the shops, now cover about 25 or 40 acres of land, new additions having been made from year to year. Last year alone \$16,000 was spent by the O. W. R. and N. company to enlarge the yards. More tracks were added and others were rearranged to make the capacity of the yards greater, constant growth in the railroad business making this improvement necessary.

Forty-nine thousand dollars were spent by the company last year to enlarge the roundhouse, making the stalls larger to accommodate the big engines, which are now in use instead of the smaller ones. There are now 26 stalls in the roundhouse, making it possible to house that many engines at the same time.

Another important improvement was made last year, when a new and larger steam derrick, or wrecking train, was purchased at a cost of \$42,000. This derrick is kept in the yards here and smaller ones are kept at Reth and Huntington, and in this way it is possible to handle a derailed train within a short time in either direction from the railroad division headquarters here.

A smaller derrick, or crane, is used in the yards here for moving and lifting heavy parts of machinery.

Locomotives Gone Over.
Every locomotive after it has returned from a run is taken to the roundhouse, where it is thoroughly cleaned and gone over and any parts which require it are repaired. It is then tested and if it is found that everything is all right it is oiled and watered and made ready for another trip scheduled.

Once each year every locomotive is taken to the shops for a general overhauling. About nine months of the year are required to overhaul all of the engines.

All parts that have to be made and all fittings are made in the railroad machine shops, which are equipped with the most modern machinery for all kinds of machine work. Both air and electrically run tools and machinery are used, the shops housing two large motors for this purpose.

Large Force.
Forty mechanics and 24 helpers handle the work in the shops, each man having a definite part in the making or repairing of the locomotive parts.

Altogether there are about 250

ONE OF THE NEWEST AND FINEST BUSINESS BLOCKS



The above business block, on Adams between Chestnut and Fourth streets is one of the handsomest blocks of fine structures in La Grande. At the right, on the corner, is the Foley building, a five-story structure which, until the building of the six- and seven-story hotels this year, was the tallest business house in this city. The upper floor is devoted to apartments and the railroad offices occupy the third and fourth floors. The second floor is occupied by professional men. From left to right, is the Chevrolet garage, a handsome brick building, the Chop Suey lunch, the home of the Home Independent Telephone company, the Rosebaum Electric company, Nelson Printing company, Holman's Flower shop, Hugh Brady's offices (justice of the peace), and the corner is occupied by the Union Mortgage and Investment company.

persons employed in the railroad shops and roundhouse, each man having a definite duty to perform in the equipping of the large locomotives.

As an engine is brought into the shops it is lifted by a large hoist, which is used in the shops especially for this purpose, and the wheels are taken from under it. The engine is then placed on blocks and is ready to be overhauled. If the wheels are worn, the steel tires are ground down and are made to have the right shape, which is government requirement. Flaws are taken out and repaired and other repairs are made.

After an engine has been made the locomotive is usually taken to the paint room, where it is repainted. Every engine is repainted at least once each year and some more often than that.

Electric Turn Table.
Tracks lead into the various stalls of the roundhouse to the engine room, paint house and other repair houses. A large turn table, which is electrically driven, is used to turn the engines in the direction they are supposed to go.

In addition to the other improvements made in the railroad yards last year the interior of the roundhouse and machine shops were all thoroughly cleaned and whitewashed.

A headquarters building of brick was constructed for the shops foreman, which is also used by the trainmen and engineers. It is supplied with lockers, where the men go to change clothes when leaving and returning from a run. Just this year a lawn has been planted around this building, which adds greatly to the yards, furnishing a bright, clean spot in the midst of the cinders and black smoke.

In the machine shops one room is set aside especially for tools. One man has charge of this room and it is his duty to see that the tools are properly checked out and in. When the workmen need a tool they go to this room and are given it in return for a brass check. When the tool is returned they are also returned their check and in this way it is possible to know where every tool is at all times.

All kinds of machine parts necessary in repairing locomotives or cars are carried in the store department, which is also located in the railroad yards. A large building is required to house all of the material. In addition to what is kept in the store there are much larger and rougher engine parts

Chamber of Commerce Accomplishes Much for La Grande, Union County

An organization that has been strongly identified with the growth and welfare of La Grande and the entire valley during the last several years is the Union county chamber of commerce.

The chamber, which is composed of farmers, business men, professional men, manufacturers and others, works on the principle that no one individual striving to accomplish something in the way of community development will achieve great success, while a large group, cooperating, can achieve much.

Many Achievements.
This has been true, as may be seen by a list of a few of the accomplishments in which the chamber of commerce has an important part:

1. Good road program of Union county.
2. La Grande scenic highway and overhead crossing at Gro Dell.
3. Granddell park.
4. Paving entrances to city on Adams avenue.
5. Location of Mr. Emily Lammher company mill here.
6. Secured mail delivery for Union county.
7. Sponsored fair agricultural economic conference.
8. Secured irrigation test plot.
9. Location of Eastern Oregon Normal school here.
10. Organizational street lighting system.
11. Reclamation and survey of county.
12. Eastern better three movement in county.
13. Eastern more oiled roads.

In addition to this the chamber is striving constantly for betterment of the trade territory, conducts a registration bureau for tourists and serves as a general information bureau. Its offices are in the Southern hotel building on Depot between Adams and Washington avenues.

Organized in 1918.
The organization was inaugurated being necessary in dumping the

The railroad shops and yards employ all local men, and although owned by the O. W. R. and N. company, in reality belong to La Grande, and provide an industry of which the city may just feel proud.

The lubrication oil is also handled by the store department, there being a specially constructed building in the railroad yards where the oil and other inflammable materials are kept. The oil is stored in large quantities in the basement of the building and is pumped from there by the use of pumps similar to those used in automobile service stations.

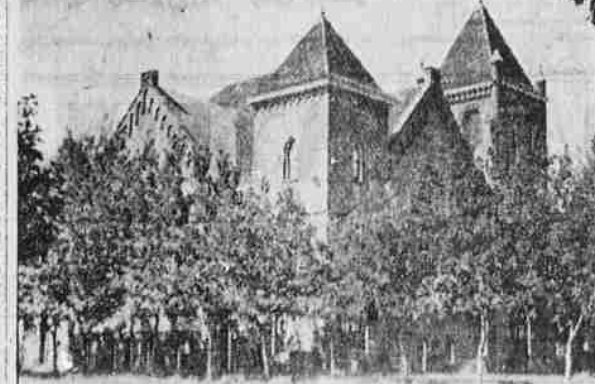
The store department is not managed through the division offices here, but by the Portland O. W. office.

Large Snowplows.
In addition to other equipment kept in the yards is the large railway snowplow, which are used in front of the engines during the winter time to clear the track of snow so that the train may pass through on schedule.

An enormous quantity of water is used by the railroad company at the yards here and at present work is under way deepening the well which is owned by the company. Until this work is finished it is necessary to buy all of the water used from the city, the company's water bill amounting to about \$600 monthly.

Plethora of Coal.
Stored in the railroad yards at present is 25,000 tons of coal, which the company purchased during the coal mine strike talk. The coal is worth about \$150,000 and will in time be used by the company. It covers a large portion of the yard and tracks are laid on top of the pile of coal, this

THE L. D. S. TABERNACLE



The beautiful L. D. S. tabernacle, a brick church located on the corner of Fourth street and O avenue, is capable of seating more persons at one time than any other building in the city. It occupies nearly a full block. At the rear is the site selected for a new \$20,000 Union Stake reformation hall, now under way. The block is surrounded by beautiful shade trees and a smooth, well-kept lawn and flowers adds to the tabernacle's appearance.

Some statistics from last year's report:
Personal visits to office — 6,205
Pieces of mail handled — 16,889
Telephone calls — 11,529
Incidentally, since Jan. 1, 1924, the chamber of commerce budget has taken care of La Grande's quota in the Old Oregon Trail association, the Intermediate State association, the state chamber of commerce, the Oregon national guard purse and several smaller allotments.

Officials.
Other officials of the chamber are as follows:
H. E. Colledge, president; H. E. Brady, first vice president; Dr. R. E. Murphy, second vice president; J. T. Langfellow, treasurer; F. E. Appleby, George Birnie, Mr. Brady, Mr. Colledge, H. E. Tison, Robert S. Tinkler, Mr. Longfellow, G. L. Larson, Dr. Murphy, W. C. Perkins, Dr. W. T. Phyl, and Elmer I. Stoddard, directors.

Until recently the chamber of commerce made quarter, consisting of Mr. Birnie, Mr. Stoddard, Sherwood Williams and G. L. Dutton, had traveled over a large part of the northwest at times and built up a great fame with its music. Mr. Dutton, however, has gone to Portland, thus breaking up the organization.

Much Business.
As an indication of the amount of small business transacted in the offices of the secretary, which also employ a stenographer here are

Own Their Homes.
Many of the railroad men who live in La Grande own their own homes here, about 40 per cent of the La Grande homes being owned by railroad men according to realtor's estimates. Considerable work has been

Done Along the O. W. Lines West of Here This Year.
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Product Shipped Out from La Grande.
Much stock is also shipped, including cattle, hogs and sheep. A stock special leaves from La Grande every Saturday and several stock trains go out during the week.

PARIS (AP).—Brilliant red eyes hereafter will distinguish imported clover seed from the home-grown variety.

A new law requires all clover seed from abroad to be colored artificially. This law makes it impossible for seedmen to mix the imported variety with native grown seed without the adulteration being apparent.

Stores Dealing In Second Hand Goods Are Four

Four second-hand stores, clearing houses for articles slightly used yet with much service yet to be obtained, are doing a flourishing business in La Grande at present. Of these one divides its business into both second hand and new stock.

This latter firm is the Donahue Furniture Exchange, located at corner of Fir and Jefferson streets, and which has been in business here for the past 10 or 11 years. J. H. McLaughlin is associated with E. J. Donahue in the business.

At present the company occupies a large building although when the business was first started in 1917 by Mr. Donahue, the quarters were not so large. And were established diagonally across the lot, occupying Mr. Donahue purchased the Fred Hachen business in 1917 and opened the store under his name.

Installs Balcony.
Shortly afterwards he moved into his present location and later a balcony was installed at the back of the big store room to provide more space for his growing business. About five years ago this balcony was still further increased in size.

The other second hand stores are Huse Second Hand store, The Dales store, and Rogers Second Hand store, all doing considerable business. The latter business is located on Fir a few doors south of the Donahue Furniture Exchange.

BAVARIAN WOMAN WINS SHARPSHOOTING TITLE

BERLIN (AP).—Germany now has a queen of sharpshooters. Anni Mueller of Paffenhofen, Bavaria, is the first woman to win the coveted royal title from her male competitors.

The marksmen of Bavaria, assembled at Paffenhofen for the annual tournament, were much surprised to see a woman's name among the winners. At first they treated Anni Mueller's attempt to compete with them as a joke. But as the tourney advanced Anni hit the bull's eye time and again, and before the day was over her record was the best of all.

Anni thus became the first queen of sharpshooters. She will hold the title for a year.

Keeping Pace With A Growing Community

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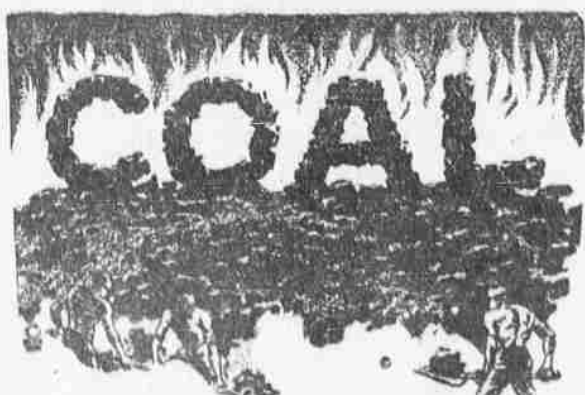
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