

HOTEL OPENS TOMORROW

BANQUET AND
BALL TO BE
FRIDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Grady and Dunham
Wright Will Be Hotel's
Guests of Honor

FORMER GOVERNOR
TO GIVE ADDRESS

Dr. Emil Enna to Present
Piano Recital—Chamber
of Commerce Quartet
Will Sing.

People from over all this section of the state will gather in La Grande tomorrow evening when the new La Grande hotel will be formally opened to the public with a banquet, program and ball, the plans for which are now completed and for which all preparations have been made.

The completed hotel will be opened to the public for inspection for the first time tomorrow morning and will remain open all day Friday. However, the official opening will take place tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock—the time scheduled for the banquet.

Big Event
The opening is one of the events of the year and for several weeks La Grande and Union county citizens have been looking forward to it with anticipation and making plans to attend.

A program of short talks and music will be given during the banquet, which will be presided over by H. E. Coolidge, president of the Union county chamber of commerce.

Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce will be the principal speaker of the evening, and short talks will also be given by Mr. Coolidge, W. C. Becktell, owner of the hotel building and W. O. Clinger, lessee of the hotel.

Guests of Honor
Special guests of honor will be Mrs. Lydia Grady, Union county pioneer and on whose pioneer home site the magnificent new hotel structure now stands, and Dunham Wright, Union county pioneer, who has watched the growth of La Grande from a mere village to a city of size.

Mrs. Becktell, Mrs. Coolidge, Mrs. Clinger and others will also be seated at the guest table.

Quartet to Sing
A feature of the musical program will be several numbers by the chamber of commerce quartet, G. L. Dutton, Elmer Stoddard, Sherwood Williams and George S. Birnie. Paul Knut, and Mrs. Parker, of Enterprise, will sing. R. J. Dykhus, tenor, will also sing a selection.

An excellent banquet will be served by the hotel forces—the first banquet to be prepared in the hotel's kitchen. Tables will be arranged in the ball room which is off the mezzanine floor, it being possible to accommodate more guests there than in the dining room. If the number of guests exceeds the number of places in the ball room the dining room will also be used.

Banquet Menu
The menu includes: Olympia oyster cocktail, stuffed celery hearts, ripe olives, radishes, asparagus, consommé a la royale, poached fillet of sole provencal, cheese wafers, julienne potatoes, orange ice, stuffed turkey, chestnut dressing, cranberry sauce, baked sugar cured ham, baked sweet potatoes, stuffed June peas, snow whipped potatoes, Golden Gate fruit salad, rainbow ice cream, pituitous, and café noir.

Dr. Enna to Play
Dr. Emil Enna, pianist of Portland, will play one number during the dinner and immediately following dinner will give a piano concert on the mezzanine floor of the hotel. His program, which will begin at about 8:30 or 9 o'clock, is given in another article in this edition.

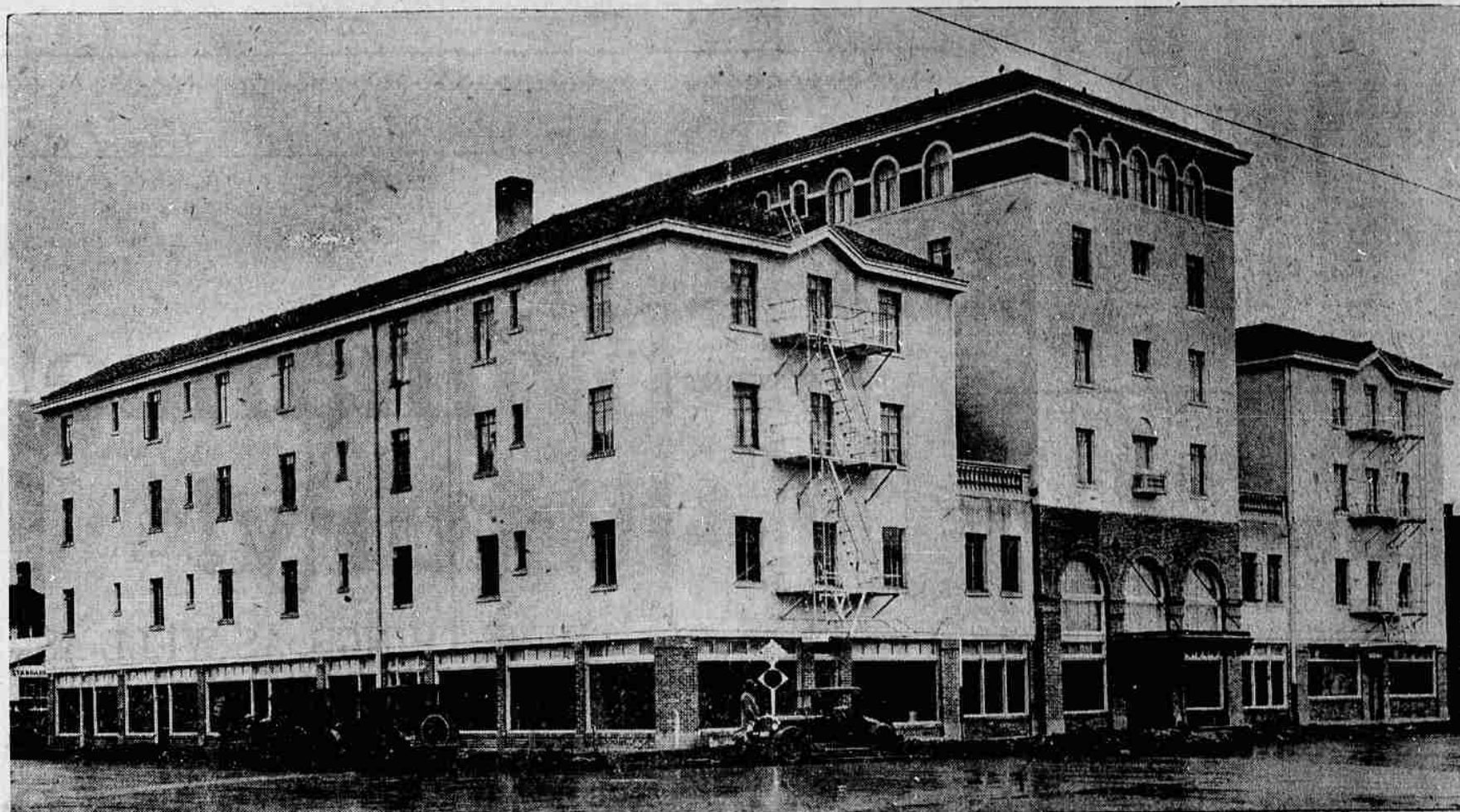
As soon as the ballroom can be cleared following dinner, there will be the grand march led by Mrs. Lydia Grady and Dunham Wright, at the end of which dancing will begin to continue for the remainder of the evening.

Open for Inspection
All during the evening the entire hotel will be open for inspection, and a large number of people will take advantage of this opportunity to view the building.

The hotel will also be open for inspection all day Friday and Saturday. The new hotel will be opened for business Friday noon and from present indications the guest rooms will be well filled on the night of the opening.

Arrangements have been made by the hotel management to serve 300 persons at the opening banquet, and nearly that number of reservations have already been made. Included in the number are many from outside of La Grande, who will spend Friday night at the new

AN EXCELLENT PICTURE OF THE \$350,000 SIX-STORY NEW LA GRANDE HOTEL



This picture was taken last Sunday and shows the completed La Grande hotel with most of the draperies in place at the windows and all of the exterior construction finished with the exception of the new sidewalk, which has been laid in the last few days. The left of the picture shows the row of store rooms which will be rented to different firms and also the side entrance leading into the lobby. In the center of the front of the hotel is the main lobby entrance, under a copper marquette, and to the right, also facing on Fourth street on the ground floor is the coffee shop. The top floor of the center bay is divided into four very attractive and complete apartments. During the last two days a big new sign has been hung in place on the corner of the building at Fourth and Adams. This is a new type of sign and will give a very attractive appearance, according to Mr. Clinger. Just under the tile roof at the top of the sixth floor there is a string of big lights that illuminate the building at night.

Arrangement of Rooms in La Grande
Hotel Provides Variety, Convenience

One feature of the new La Grande hotel which will not doubt attract much attention when the new building is opened to the public for the first time tomorrow is the convenient arrangement of rooms and the great variety of accommodations the hotel has to offer.

Whether the patron wants a room where the sun shines in the morning—or does not shine—whether he wants a room with a mountain view from the window, or a valley view, or whether he wants a room of a special color—a room with two double beds, twin beds, one bed or a suite of either two or three rooms—the hotel has them all to offer—and many other additional features. The hotel is so equipped that even the most particular could not help but be pleased.

All Outside Rooms
Every room in the hotel is an outside room with large windows, affording proper ventilation and plenty of light. There are no small crowded rooms and each of the bedrooms is equipped with a large room closet.

An especially attractive feature of the guest rooms is the fact that all have either a shower or tub bath. It being possible to have which ever one prefers. The bath rooms are roomy and very conveniently arranged and the fixtures are of the most modern type available.

Attractive Features
A feature, which will prove especially attractive to the traveling man, is the shaving cabinet and mirror over each lavatory with an electric light at the top, a convenience which is not found in all hotels and one which the traveling man appreciates.

A part of the furniture in every guest room is a writing desk or table and chair, making it possible for one to write with every comfort in his own room.

Where more than two persons want to be in one room, together there are larger rooms with two double beds.

Or for the party which desires to be together there are suites of rooms, the three-room suites being large enough to accommodate a number of people.

Excellent Arrangement
The three-room suites have two baths, one of which is conveniently situated between two of the bedrooms, connecting the two rooms.

It will not be possible to accommodate more than 200, and according to present indications it may be necessary to turn some people away. Because of the many reservations for rooms, only a few will be open for inspection.

Hotel on Site
Of Pioneer Home
Of La Grande

Fifty years ago a home, the first in the new La Grande, was erected. The building, the late Ben Grady, met difficulties in the construction of this first home—rising alone among his 150 acres of newly tilled farm land. Some lumber had to be hauled from the Snohomish sawmill at Oro Dell. Some was brought from Union. A modest home, perhaps, today, but a substantial residence then. And it was the first. The pioneer and his young wife, with their little family were proud of their home.

Time passed. The railroad came, and with it great changes. The pioneer gave up his acres of farm land and divided them into lots which were sold, creating blocks that quickly multiplied. La Grande moved to the railroad and Adams avenue became the center of business activities. Buildings came, streets were paved. The pioneer's family had increased and grown to manhood and womanhood. Death came to the pioneer, ending a fruitful life of service to family, community and God. But the pioneer's home still stood—proudly—at the heart of the city. And the pioneer's wife stayed on in her home—a home that verily took life and breathed, so filled with the happenings of 50 significant years it was. Fifty years.

There are two and three-room suites on every floor of the building, with the exception of the top floor, which is occupied by apartments, making it possible that the patron may have the type of room desired on any floor.

A Fitting Sacrifice
Then the first home was torn down, sacrificed to the progress of La Grande. And what a fitting sacrifice! That on the ground which bore the revered first home of Adams should rise the magnificent La Grande hotel. Is it not a glorious monument to the Pioneers who visioned and built? That is how Mrs. Lydia Grady feels as she surveys the site that once held the home that was as dear to her as a home may be.

"It saddened me to give up my home but I am proud that on its site there has risen this building which is to mean so much to La Grande," says this pioneer of pioneers who has the distinction of being the first woman settler in new La Grande. For Mrs. Grady is intensely proud of La Grande.

Situated now at a comfortable home on Washington avenue, she is happy in the love of her family and her friends—and in the recollection of memories. Alert and active, Mrs. Grady takes a keen interest in the trend of the city's affairs and in its growth. She is one of the few remaining who may say that they have watched the growth of La Grande from its beginning.

As a young girl in her teens Lydia

Palmer came with her brothers and sisters and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Palmer and their train from Pennsylvania across the great stretch of plains to Oregon. Travel in 1864 held hardships and 22 days passed before Oregon was reached. The Palmers, upon arrival, established a temporary home in a cabin situated near the present location of the Robert Eakin home on Walnut street. In a short time, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer became the bride of Ben W. Grady. Mr. Grady pre-empted 160 acres, then an unsettled wilderness that lay to the north of the settlement of La Grande. Here a few years later, in 1875 was built the Grady home which La Graders came to recognize as the epitome of the pioneer home.

For a number of years Mr. Grady farmed the land and, in addition, freighted across the mountains to the Umatilla Landing. The only means of outside communication the road between the Landing and La Grande presented to the pioneers dangers and hardships that are unheard of today. That old trail is darkened with sufferings and sacrifices of human life. It was over this that Mr. Grady trekked back and forth. With the coming in 1884 of the railroad, a safe and prophetic day to La Grande, Mr. Grady devoted his time to business in the city, and to the disposing of his land interests.

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Personnel of La Grande Hotel
Assures It of Successful Future

With the new La Grande hotel opening its doors to the public tomorrow there is no doubt but that the building will be a financial success. Its personnel assures this. W. O. Clinger, lessee and operator, is an experienced hotel man in addition to a good business man and the house will be under his supervision at all times, with Harry F. Shaw as assistant manager.

For the past six years Mr. Clinger has been in the hotel business in Oregon, as owner and manager of the Grand Hotel in Roseburg. Only a short time ago he leased the Roseburg hotel and thought he would quit the game and retire, but he could not quit—he likes it—so on hearing of the new hotel under construction here and the possibilities of a hotel here he decided to investigate, and once more he is in the game, and according to him he is going to stay in it. He likes it here and wants to move to La Grande to make his home, so is going to do all he can to make the hotel a complete success.

Owned Roseburg Hotel
Before coming to Oregon six years ago Mr. Clinger was in the mercantile business in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He owned and operated a small hotel there as a side line.

Stage Provided
A stage, 16 feet by 21 feet is at one end of the room so that it may be turned into a small theater. At the other end of the ballroom a serving room and women's room is found, also a back stairway, which leads to an outside entrance and sidewalk joining on Fourth street.

The room is equipped for the best of ventilation, there being 11 large windows, and a ventilator at the ceiling of the room.

The ballroom is just off the mezzanine floor of the hotel, a wide hall leading from the mezzanine to the ballroom entrance, which is equipped with check rooms at either side of the entrance, which are large enough to accommodate many people.

Cost \$20,000
The ballroom was built at an additional cost of about \$20,000, and has a spring floor—one of the few in the state of Oregon—of maple which is about 39 by 65 feet.

The room is of a round shape and the rounded ceiling decorations and other fixtures show of the French influence of architecture and decoration.

Arch-topped windows similar to

those used on the top floor of the hotel, and conforming with the rounded effect of the ceiling, are used in the ballroom, and add much to the beauty of the room with draperies of soft rich material.

Ornamental lights are a part of the ceiling decorations and are also used around the walls of the ballroom.

Completion
of Hotel Is
Step Ahead

New \$350,000 La Grande Hotel Gives City Envyable Accommodations

W. O. CLINGER TO BE PROPRIETOR

Leases Six-Story Building from W. C. Becktell, Builder—Location Regarded as Ideal.

The completion of the beautiful new La Grande hotel this week and its formal opening tomorrow night with a banquet and ball, marks an important step of advancement in this city and also gives La Grande the reputation of having one of the finest hostels in the northwest.

The six-story building is generally regarded as one of the finest in Oregon, and much attention has been given to its construction, not only locally but in other states. Recently the governor of Idaho paid La Grande a sincere compliment on its good fortune in having such a structure. And the contractors, who have built many fine buildings over all the northwest, declare that it is the most pretentious hotel in Oregon, outside of Portland. Words of praise for the structure are many and generous and more are being voiced daily.

One cannot do justice to the La Grande hotel with words and the photograph of the building on this page of today's Observer tells far more of its outward appearance.

Built by W. C. Becktell
The structure was built by W. C. Becktell, of Portland, and first announcement of the project was made last year through L. S. Weeks of La Grande, when the site, then occupied by a pioneer home, was purchased. Early this spring construction got under way and tomorrow night the opening marks the final step in the presentation of this hostelry to the public and to La Grande.

Cost \$350,000
The La Grande hotel cost around \$350,000 to complete, this including the furnishings and the \$20,000 ballroom which was started after the main building was nearing completion.

W. O. Clinger, formerly of Roseburg, who is a hotel man of wide experience, has leased the hotel from Mr. Becktell and Harry Shaw, who ranks high among hotel men of the Northwest, will be assistant manager.

The luxuriousness of the hotel stands out, even at a distance. As a motorist rounds the turn west of La Grande and gains his first view of the Grande Ronde valley and its metropolis from the Old Oregon Trail highway, one of the first buildings to greet his eyes is the La Grande hotel—and its beauty impresses him immediately.

Ideal Location
The location of the hotel is declared to be ideal by its owner and by Mr. Clinger and Mr. Shaw. It is situated at the junction of the two most traveled streets in La Grande—Adams avenue, the main business street, and Fourth street, which connects Old Town with La Grande and which leads into the finest residential sections of La Grande, besides opening the way to the high school and most of the churches.

Adams avenue is also a part of the Old Oregon Trail highway, a transcontinental thoroughfare that carries hundreds of thousands of motorists annually.

In connection with the railroad, it is only a little more than a block from the Union Pacific depot and has paved streets in front—on Fourth, and to the left, on Adams avenue.

Attractive Rates
Its rates are attractive and hotel men regard them as certain to give the guests the utmost in service and accommodations for his outlay. Single rooms range in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and all 100 rooms are exquisitely furnished, equipped with either showers or bath, and with all modern conveniences that one desires in the most up-to-date hotel.

The metropolitan character of the hotel became manifest from first view and after entering the spacious lobby, it becomes an absolute certainty. The La Grande hotel, were it transplanted to any of the metropolitan centers, would be regarded as one of the finest, even though some of the largest hotels in Portland and Seattle are larger.

Appointments throughout are of the finest and the smallest details have been given the utmost in attention.

The new hotel is of liberal proportions.

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