

EXPANSION
OF BUSINESS
AREA MARKED

Completion of Sacajawea Inn Another Step in Up-building of La Grande

PROGRESS SINCE
1920 IS NOTABLE

Many New Structures Contribute to the City's Sky-Line—7-Story Inn Tops Them All.

The completion of the seven-story Sacajawea Inn is significant not only in that it gives La Grande a new 35-story hotel that will rank with the finest in the Northwest, but also because it represents a distinct expansion of the business section.

Not so many years ago, eight to be exact, the block where the Sacajawea Inn is located was far from imposing. On this corner of Fir and Adams, there was only a "hole in the ground" where a previous excavation had been made. Across the street the old Grande Ronde Valley house was the actual boundary of the business section and it was somewhat apart from its neighbors.

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Paralysis Cause
Of Boy's Death
At Union Monday

Bruce Maxwell, 15, Dies of Dread Disease—First Fatality of This Kind in Union County.

Infantile paralysis claimed its first victim in Union county Monday night when Bruce Maxwell, 15-year-old son of W. A. Maxwell, pioneer resident, died at the home of his father at Union. A private funeral with a short service at the grave was held this morning at ten o'clock with Cook Brothers in charge.

The boy became ill Saturday night and at first his illness was not considered serious. Sunday his condition had not improved and Dr. T. M. Gilmore was called. Monday morning Dr. T. M. Gilmore declared the boy had infantile paralysis.

This is the first death caused from infantile paralysis in this section. Although a few cases of the dread disease were reported in and near La Grande earlier in the winter, it was later stated that only three of the cases were infantile paralysis.

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STOCK SHOW
TO BE HELD
JUNE 6, 7, 8

Dates for Union's Annual Event Decided on at Association Meet

S. E. MILLER IS
AGAIN PRESIDENT

Enthusiasm Marked at Gathering Last Night—"Bigger and Better Than Ever" Slogan.

June 6, 7 and 8 were the dates set for the annual Union Livestock show last evening when the first meeting of the stock show association was held at the city hall at Union and was attended by about 20 persons, including representatives from the various parts of the county.

The same officers, who served during last year's show, were re-elected. S. E. Miller is the president; C. L. Cadwell, vice president; Tony D. Smith, secretary; and Fred Fox, treasurer.

Directors elected for the ensuing year were Dr. W. T. Poy, W. R. Lobbetter, M. S. Levy, James F. Hutchinson, Frank Conner, Homer Bidwell and Robert Withycombe. Much enthusiasm was displayed at the meeting and all indications were that this year's show will be bigger and better than ever before.

H. C. Avery, county agent, attended the meeting and talked about the boys' and girls' club work and what they plan to do at the stock show this year.

Officers and directors will start work immediately and by the time of the show everything will be ready for the best annual show ever given, they declare.

WALTER MAYO IS
DECLARED GUILTY

Will Be Sentenced Tomorrow on Charge of Non-Support of Child

Walter Mayo was found guilty of non-support of a minor child yesterday in circuit court and will be sentenced by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles tomorrow morning between nine and ten o'clock. The jury was instructed and retired at about four o'clock returning its verdict of guilty in approximately 15 minutes. Mayo was tried in the October term of court on the same charges at which time the jury disagreed. His home is at Union. District Attorney Carl Helm prosecuted for the state and R. J. Kitchen was the defense attorney in yesterday's case.

Today the case of Harrison vs. McVey was being heard in circuit court, in an action to recover money. It was stated by George T. Cochran, of Cochran & Rhoads, was the defense attorney, and R. J. Kitchen was attorney for the plaintiff.

The coach had not decided this morning whether he would take a team of eight or nine men. This will be the only game of the week-end.

Two Fined in City
Court, One Paroled

Virgil Carrigan, charged with possession of liquor, was found guilty in municipal court last night. He was fined \$150 and paroled by Judge C. M. Humphreys.

Bert Phillips, who plead guilty to a charge of drunkenness, was fined \$15.

Red Cross Will
Meet This Evening

The Red Cross association here will wind up its year's business tonight when it meets at the chamber of commerce officers at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. R. E. Murphy announces this morning. Dr. Murphy is La Grande chairman. The attendance of all members who are interested is urged tonight by Dr. Murphy.

Lottie Pickford
Reported Divorced

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16 (AP)—The Times says it has been revealed that Lottie Pickford, sister of the famous motion picture star, Mary Pickford, obtained a divorce in Paris seven months ago from Allan Forrest Fisher, known on the screen as Allan Forrest.

Miss Pickford secretly filed her divorce plea while visiting abroad, and a decree of separation was awarded by the Seine tribunal. Forrest admitted yesterday when located at his Hollywood apartments, he declined to comment on the case other than to admit the separation had taken place.

Both Miss Pickford and Forrest had been married and divorced before. A ten-year-old daughter of the former having been adopted legally by Mrs. Charlotte Pickford, mother of Lottie and Mary Pickford.

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—Photo by Ritter.

FILE APPEAL
FOR HICKMAN
EARLY TODAY

Action Is Seen as the First Step in Attempt to Prevent Execution

QUESTION JURORS
FOR JOINT TRIAL

Girl Slayer and Welby Hunt Sit Side by Side But Refuse to Talk to Each Other.

HALL OF JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16 (AP)—A move to loosen the noose figuratively placed about his neck as slayer of Marian Parker, was the opening act of William Edward Hickman in the opening of today's session of his joint trial with Welby Hunt for the murder of C. Ivy Toms.

Hickman's attorneys this morning filed his written notice of appeal to the state supreme court on the death sentence in the Marian Parker case and the denial of a new sanity trial in that case.

The appeal, attorneys previously have announced, will be based on the contention that the state's new law governing insanity defenses was unconstitutional. The appeal itself is required to be filed within five days after notice of appeal.

A change was made in the prosecution ranks, deputy district attorney James Costello replacing Deputy Forest Murray.

The weary round of questioning of prospective jurors for the Hickman-Hunt trial then got under way.

Defendants Silent

Hickman and his 16-year-old accomplice in the holdup which resulted in the shooting of Toms, sat side by side but exchanged never a word. Hickman was thoroughly at ease, while Hunt, grown more familiar to the court procedure, was obviously more at ease than he was during the first day of the trial.

Judge Elliott Craig questioned the jurors for any possible objection to the inflicting of the death penalty.

Almost listlessly the attorneys took up the interrogation, rattle counts attempted to determine no prejudice attached to the boy before.

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Nomad Society
Organization Is
Now Under Way

Organization of the Nomads, the women's auxiliary to the D. O. K. K. lodge, was started last evening when a meeting was held at the K. K. P. hall here for that purpose with about 50 persons in attendance. The charter will be open for at least 30 days, and at the close of this time the organization will be completed.

James Welch, of Union, royal viceroy of this temple, conducted the meeting, and most of those present signed up as charter members.

A banquet followed the meeting. Robert C. Ayres presided as toastmaster and short talks were made by several.

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Annual Banquet
Of Chamber Of
Commerce Mar. 2

Friday evening, March 2, is the date set for the annual meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce. A meeting of the entertainment committee of the chamber was held this noon for luncheon at the La Grande hotel to discuss the program to be given at that time.

The place of meeting has not yet been decided.

Mid-Week Mission
Classes Succeed

As an appropriate close to the winter mid-week mission study classes at the First Presbyterian church, "play night" was observed last night at the church, and was attended by about 100 persons. The meeting opened with prayer by the pastor, and a potluck dinner was enjoyed.

Before leaving the ladies Miss Hulda Anderson, chairman of the evening, led in the singing of "smile" songs. Tables and chairs were then set aside and all joined in games and contests. The event was one which will long be remembered by those who attended.

The church school, which continued for six weeks, was attended by an average of more than 75 workers. Those in charge of the classes during the school were the pastor, the Rev. J. George Walk, Mrs. Harry Clancy, Mrs. C. T. Hower, Ernest Hurley, Miss Hulda Anderson, Mrs. Harley Stoneking and Mrs. John C. McPherson.

—Photo by Ritter.

SACAJAWEA HOTEL BUILDER



Julius Roesch, who has just completed and will open to the public Saturday of this week the magnificent seven-story Sacajawea Inn, has long been identified with building and property development in La Grande. Mr. Roesch, a native of Germany, came to Eastern Oregon when a young man and has been continuously successful in this city. His new hotel is his latest achievement.

—Photo by Ritter.

Sacajawea Inn
Opening Program

SATURDAY, FEB. 18
2:45 p.m. and
8:10 to 10 p.m.—Open house. Public inspection of hotel. Musical program.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19
3:00 p.m.—La Grande Municipal band concert.

8:40 p.m.—Piano recital by Dr. Emil Edna.

The foregoing program outlines the events of the opening of the Sacajawea Inn this weekend. No individual invitations have been sent out and the general public is invited to attend. There will be no charge for any of the events on the opening program. No reservations are required.

In addition to the formal opening program, dinner will be served to guests of the hotel in the dining room and coffee shop in the usual way, although a special menu is scheduled for the day. Local people wishing to have dinner at the hotel previous to attending the reception and ball will make reservations. W. D. Vaughn, the manager, says.

Lobby, Mezzanine
Furnished by Carr's

Due to the omission of a paragraph in the story on the first page of Section 2, dealing with the lobby and mezzanine of the Sacajawea Inn, it is made clear that the upholstering furnishings for these floors were purchased from the Carr Furniture company.

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Rocky Mountain
Region Digging
Out From Snows

Severe Storm Is General Throughout Region—Mercury Eight Above Here Last Night.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 16 (AP)—Denver and the Rocky Mountain region was digging itself out today from one of the heaviest snow storms of the season.

Three inches of snow fell in Denver from the time the storm began Tuesday until it began to abate shortly after darkness Wednesday night. The fall was general throughout the region, Wyoming reporting two inches while northern New Mexico reported a trace with mild temperatures.

The storm spent itself in central and eastern Colorado but with a light snowfall in the west.

What may be a new storm headed toward the south was reported in Montana early today with heavy snow falling at Butte, Mont., while sub-zero temperatures were reported in several sections in that state. In the flat south of Butte 11 degrees below zero was reported last night.

COLD IN LA GRANDE

Cold weather, which started three days ago, here, continued during last night when the temperature fell to a minimum of 8 above zero. This was only one point higher than Tuesday night's minimum which was 7 above. A bright sunshine today brought the mercury above freezing point and the snow covering, which fell Monday night, is melting.

Widow's Pension
Bill Is Reported

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—A bill to increase from \$30 to \$40 per month the pension for civil war widows over 75 years of age, was reported today by the house pensions committee. The measure is similar to one which last year received congressional approval but was not signed by the president.

To Investigate
Coal Fields In
Eastern States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—An investigation of conditions in the bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia was ordered today by the senate.

The resolution of Senator Johnson, republican of California, calling for the inquiry was approved by the senate without a record vote after it had rejected 59 to 15, a proposal by Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, for an investigation of coal freight coal rates.

Bodies of Two
Missing Deputy
Sheriffs Found

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 16 (AP)—Bodies of the two missing deputies of Lafayette Ind., were found this morning in a wood at Foster. They were lying face upward, with arms carefully straightened at their sides.

How they came to their deaths had not been determined due to the fact that the coroner and sheriff directed the discoverer to permit no one to touch or see the bodies until they arrived. Names of the deputies, who disappeared Feb. 7 while taking two convicts to prison were John P. Grove and Wallace McClure.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 16 (AP)—Fingerprints of two youths held here as suspects in connection with the disappearance of two Indiana deputies, do not check up with those of John Burns and Samuel Buxter, the Indiana fugitive authorities announced today.

Further work will be done when navigation opens in June when they are planning to cruise north along the Labrador coast and on to Baffin land to continue work begun there in 1921 and 1922, when he wintered in Fox Channel and explored the western coast of Baffin land, and also continue work

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BURNS FATAL
TO SALESMAN
IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Feb. 16 (AP)—J. G. Owens, 45, Walla Walla salesman died in a hospital here today from burns received when his hotel room caught fire. The origin of the fire was undetermined as firemen found no traces of tobacco matches. A pipe was found in a glass case, but nothing that could have caused the fire was discovered in his clothes.

Another hotel guest dragged Owens in an unconscious condition from his flaming bed, when smoke spread into the corridors of the building. The fire was extinguished before it spread to other rooms.

Owens lived only a few hours after the fire and was unable to explain what had happened.

Women at White
House Breakfast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (AP)—Women appeared at the White House breakfast table today for the first time since President Coolidge adopted the practice of inviting members of congress for the early morning meal.

Among 14 members of the house at the breakfast were Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of Mass., and Florence P. Kahn of California, republicans, and Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, democrat.

Medford Becomes
New Gretna Green

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 16 (AP)—Thirty-two marriage licenses were issued in this county during January to California couples apparently wishing to evade the California law which requires publication of intention to wed for three days before the wedding.