

HUGH BRADY
IS ELECTED
AS PRESIDENTWill Head Union County
Chamber of Commerce
During 1928-1929OTHER OFFICERS
ARE ALSO ELECTEDInstallation to Take Place
at Annual Banquet to
Be Held March 6 at La
Grande Hotel.

Hugh E. Brady was elected president of the Union county chamber of commerce today noon when a meeting of the old and the new board of directors of the chamber was held at the La Grande hotel. Mr. Brady succeeds H. E. Coolidge as president of the organization. Mr. Coolidge having served during the year 1927-28.

Dr. Ray Murphy was elected first vice president of the chamber. Arthur H. Bowen was elected second vice president and J. T. Longfellow was elected treasurer. These officers will constitute the executive committee of the chamber. Other members of the new board of directors are F. H. Appleby, H. E. Coolidge, R. S. Eakin, A. T. Hill, G. L. Larson, W. C. Perkins, Dr. W. T. Phay and G. W. Warlock. The retiring members of the board are G. S. Birnie, H. E. Dixon and Elmer Stoddard.

Mr. Dixon presided at a temporary chairman over the meeting today noon and besides the election of officers the question of membership, the program of work for the coming year and other matters of interest were discussed.

Another meeting of the board, to discuss the program for the coming year, will be held next Tuesday noon, preceding the annual banquet which will be held that evening in the ballroom of the La Grande hotel, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

The annual banquet is for all members of the chamber and their wives as in past years. The new officers and directors will be installed at that time. Tickets for the banquet are now on sale at the chamber of commerce office and are going out rapidly. Members are urged to purchase their tickets as early as possible as only a limited number can be taken care of at the banquet.

Several Hundred
Hear Musicians
At M. E. Church

The Methodist Episcopal church was well filled last night when the Cambrian song company, under the auspices of the church, presented an interesting and technically difficult program that included several numbers from operas. The audience of several hundred was responsive equally to the selections of Miss Jeanette Christine, soprano, the songs of Giovanni Daves, baritone, and the organ numbers by William Ifor Jones, who was also the accompanist. The aria "With Verdure Glad" from Haydn's Creation was sung admirably by Miss Christine, who has a lyric voice of remarkable clearness. Here she demonstrated her ability in handling difficult passages and gave an interesting carefully phrased Indian imitation of the number.

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La Grande Loses
In Opening Game
Of TournamentBaker Pitted with Tigers
This Afternoon—Joseph
and Union Play Second
Contest.FINAL SCORE
Joseph, 25
Union, 25

La Grande lost the first game of the district basketball tournament to Baker by a score of 42 to 22 this afternoon. The La Grande-Baker game opened the three-day tournament in the Union gymnasium this afternoon, beginning at two o'clock.

At the end of the first half of the game the score was Baker 14 and La Grande 12, but in the second half Baker was successful in running up her score and the game ended 42 to 22.

The line-ups for the opening game follows:
La Grande: (1) Baker, (2) Landreth, (3) Hildner, (4) G. (5) Mack, (6) Wolfe, (7) C. (8) Hines, (9) Stoddard, (10) G. (11) Duff, (12) Herr, (13) G. (14) Jones.
Substitutes: La Grande: Faus (1).

The La Grande team will play the loser of the Union-Joseph game tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CITY DADS TABLE
STAGES' REQUESTTwo Thousand Five Hundred
Dollars Received
from the State

A request, filed some time ago with the city commission, to permit auto stages to load and unload next to the Saeajawa Inn, was indefinitely tabled last night. The commission "in all of one opinion" in the matter, President A. T. Hall, said, and Commissioner Charles Payne concurred with him. Commissioner H. B. Coburn is out of town at present and was not in attendance.

The commission at present routes auto stages on certain streets, so as to avoid congestion in the business districts, and the opinion is held that if they are allowed to stop at one hotel, the same provision would have to be made for all hotels, resulting in traffic difficulties that formerly existed. H. E. Dixon was present and he stated that, although the Saeajawa Inn approved the request at first, that the management of the hotel is no longer in favor of such a plan.

Several other matters were discussed before adjournment. Because of Mr. Coburn's absence, no ordinances were presented.

The city manager's report showed, among receipts, \$2,500 from the state of Oregon to apply on the purchase of the Toy Young property on East Adams avenue which is to be used as a site for the state highway department shops here.

The water and street department reports noted the removal of the floor at the second street pump house—a step toward the installation of an additional pump which was recently authorized by the commission, and the following work: cleaned ditch at Fourth and I and at Fourth and B avenue; dug ditch between N and O on Walnut street and cleaned streets.

Union Announces
Leap Year Baby

Union, too, has a Leap Year baby. A nine pound son, born last night at 10:20 o'clock to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wolf, is one of the few babies born in Oregon on the day that shows but once every four years. Edsel Sydney is the name that Mr. and Mrs. Wolf will christen their young son, who has already brought recognition to his home town by making his appearance, a trifling late in the day, to be sure, but nevertheless on the famous Leap Year day.

Stops Plane Here
On Way to Chicago

Paul Gerr, of Chicago, stopped at the La Grande airport yesterday en route to Chicago from Seattle, Wash., according to word received today. He was flying a new Boeing aerial transport ship.

Paul Gerr expressed his appreciation of service given him by students of the La Grande air school, declaring that the aviation beginning here is worthy of considerable praise.

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FIRM MOVES
TO THIS CITY
FROM BAKEREastern Oregon Develop-
ment Company Opens
La Grande OfficesLOCAL BUILDING
WORK CONSIDEREDA. C. Wright, Formerly of
La Grande, Is in Charge
of the Engineering Con-
struction.

The Eastern Oregon Development company, the construction company for the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, has moved its headquarters to La Grande from Baker and is now occupying office rooms 12, 13 and 14 in the West-Jacobson building on Elm street.

Yesterday was largely spent in arranging the office rooms but today, the company's office personnel, is beginning its regular work.

A. C. Wright is in charge of engineering construction and he and his wife have already moved their home to La Grande. Mr. Wright was here for three years some time ago before going to Baker.

Four other men have moved to La Grande with the company: William Jess, auditor; Wayne Goff, engineering; E. D. Jakes, right of way, and Bob Leap, engineering.

Considerable construction both locally and between La Grande and Baker is contemplated by the company, details of which will be ready to announce in the near future. At present the company is preparing its plans.

Last year the company put in about 60 miles of line near Baker and built a new sub-station there.

F. L. Lilly Sells
Hardware Store;
Plans Indefinite

In the story in yesterday's Observer concerning the consolidation of the F. L. Lilly and Oregon Hardware stores, the impression was conveyed that Mr. Lilly would remain with the new firm, which is contrary to the fact. Mr. Lilly has sold out his business to the new W. K. Gilbert company and severing his relations with the hardware business in La Grande completely.

He will, however, have a desk in his old store location for some time until he completes collection of the Lilly Hardware accounts. Mr. Lilly's plans for the future are indefinite but he and Mrs. Lilly will probably spend a portion of their time in Southern California where he has interests. They do not expect to leave La Grande for several months, however, and have other projects in mind here that will make them frequent visitors.

Mr. Lilly has long been active in business circles in La Grande and his retirement will be a distinct loss to the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lilly have a host of friends here who regret their anticipated departure.

Local Masons
Go To Lostine

Five La Grande Masons were among the large representation of Walworth and Union county members of the Masonic order who attended the joint meeting of Walworth county lodges last night at Lostine. Representatives of the Cove and Union lodges, in addition to the five from La Grande were special guests at the meeting which was attended by approximately 100.

The third degree work was put on by a team picked from the Walworth county lodges. Following the lodge work the story "The Other Wise Man" was told by George Cochran with Principal Hunt, of Island City, showing slides of the story.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Those who enjoyed the evening last night from La Grande were Mr. Cochran and Mr. Hunt, E. R. Hines, J. E. Reynolds and Raymond Gray.

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O. S. C. Madrigal and Glee Clubs
and Orchestra Due Here March 30

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, Mar. 1.—The Oregon State college Madrigal and Glee clubs will give the opera "H. M. S. Pinafore" in La Grande March 28. Fifty-two persons including the orchestra and a 12-piece orchestra will make the trip. They are working daily to perfect the opera before the home performance March 29 and 30. Paul Petri, director of the conservatory of music will conduct the tour assigned by Marguerite MacManus, director of the college orchestra, and Mrs. E. L. Potter, former instructor in dramatics who will be stage director.

Stops on this tour will be made

at The Dalles, Pendleton, Baker, Ontario, Union, Enterprise, La Grande and Portland. A large number of those taking the tour last year will be with the company this year. Three railway cars—a chair, a sleeper and a baggage car—will transport the troupe and stage scenery.

This is the fourth annual tour which has been made under the direction of Professor Petri. The tour last year, which was through Southern Oregon, was the first in which the two clubs were combined. It was so successful that the clubs will continue touring together.

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BANKERS OF
COUNTY MEET
IN LA GRANDEL. H. Bramwell, of This
City, Is Elected as
New President20 ATTEND DINNER
AT LOCAL HOTELSeveral Rules of Banking
Are Adopted by Associ-
ation; Discuss Invest-
ment "Schemes."

L. H. Bramwell, cashier of the United States National bank, was elected president of the Union county bankers' last night when the association held its annual meeting at the La Grande hotel during which several new rules pertaining to banking were passed and a number of business matters discussed. Fred Fox, of the First National bank of Union was chosen vice president and H. A. Zurbrugg, assistant cashier of the La Grande National here, was elected secretary. Officers and directors of the Union, Elgin and the La Grande banks were present at the interesting meeting which was presided over by J. M. Hutchinson, retiring president of Union. More than 20 were seated at dinner at 6:30 o'clock which preceded the evening's business discussion.

One of the rules adopted by the association was that a charge of 25 cents will be made for every check which the banks are obliged to return on account of insufficient funds.

This is a rule which, of late years, has been adopted by many banks throughout the nation. Another ruling passed, which is also of interest to Union county citizens, provides that a charge of \$2.50 for installations, contracts, notes or other instruments placed in escrow, involving amounts up to \$500. Instruments which are placed in escrow, that is, kept by the bank while payment is being made on them to the seller from the buyer, with the bank as the

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MR. MOHR SELLS
STOCK IN COMPANYLeaves Firm After Twenty
Years; K. J. McWilliams
Buys Interests

After 20 years in the Grande Ronde Meat company here W. P. Mohr has sold his entire interest to K. J. McWilliams, the sale becoming effective yesterday, the last day of February. Mr. Mohr came to La Grande 20 years ago from Walla Walla, Wash., to take charge of the wholesale department of the meat packing company, two years after it had been incorporated for \$20,000 and the wholesale business started.

During those years he has played an active part in the growth and development of the company until today it is valued at around \$100,000. It was through him that the wholesale department of the company was built up and the local packing plant was established on Jefferson avenue.

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SHE'D FOLLOW HIM IN DEATH



Wife American women are attempting to save her from the gallows. Mrs. Doris McDonald insists that she prefers to die with her husband, George McDonald, who is to be executed March 23 in Montreal, Quebec, for the murder of a taxi driver. This picture shows the couple outside the women's jail at Montreal where the attractive girl now is confined.

Christian Rally
Largest Held In
This Territory

The most largely attended missionary rally ever held in the Central Christian church of La Grande took place here yesterday at the annual missionary rally, conducted once each year in Christian churches over all the state.

About 30 persons attended the afternoon meeting, including a delegation from Elgin, the only other Christian church in the county. P. Swanders, state secretary of the Christian church, was present and spoke during the dinner hour. Other speakers were the Rev. Gerald Matlock, of Baker; the Rev. Roy Hing, of Elgin; and the Rev. R. L. Putnam, of La Grande.

During the dinner hour Mr. Swanders presented the work of the state missionary board, and told how it is aiding the small, newly organized churches of the state. About 60 persons were present for the dinner, which was served by the women of the church.

The Rev. Guy Drift, of Pendleton, was scheduled to speak in the evening but was unable to be here and the Rev. R. L. Putnam substituted, speaking on "Pentecost," the theme of the entire rally. The church was well filled for the evening meeting.

At Enterprise Today. Mr. Swanders, accompanied by Mr. Putnam, Mr. Matlock and Mr. Hing went to Enterprise today, where they are conducting a Walworth county rally. This rally is the last of the annual state wide rallies conducted by the secretary and tomorrow he will return to his home in Portland.

Mr. Putnam, pastor of the local Christian church, will be at Milton Sunday and Mrs. Putnam will conduct the services here. In the morning she will speak on "The Home" and urges that as many families as possible be present. "What Hast Thou in Thy Hand" will be her subject in the evening.

Quicksilver Find
At Milwaukie, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—Household, an addition on the outskirts of the city of Milwaukie, suburb of Portland, is much excited over reports that a vein bearing quicksilver has been found there. The report followed mysterious activities of representatives of a New York firm in taking options on about 15 small properties in Homewood. One of the property owners reported an answer found quicksilver running as high as \$75 a ton in earth taken from his land. The vein was reported to be about half a mile long and three feet wide.

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Oregon Students
Weak on the Bible

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 1. (AP)—Oregon high school students continue to show a decided lack of knowledge about the Bible, according to the results of the Bible study examinations given Jan. 28.

The total number of students taking the tests was 317. State school Superintendent Howard said today of whom 148 were girls and 49 boys. Of 282 manuscripts submitted 147 were in the old testament and 125 in the new testament. Only 35 students received passing grades in the old testament while 112 failed. In the new testament test 34 passed and 101 failed.

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Harney County
"Reptiles" Said
Volcanic RocksCurious Formations Are
Not Pre-Historic Fos-
sils, Government Ex-
perts Report.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 1. (AP)—Curious formations found last fall in Harney county, Oregon, and described by their discoverer as fossils of gigantic trees and reptiles of a past age, have been classified by government geologists as nothing more than queerly shaped rocks of volcanic origin.

Last November the finder of these formations, F. B. Daude, of Boise, Idaho, announced that in his opinion he had come upon rare fossils of real value in the search backward along the trail of plant and animal development.

Specimens submitted by Daude to the geological survey, however, and examined by survey specialists, have been pronounced volcanic rocks, connected with the volcanic phenomena described 25 years ago in an official report by the late Prof. I. C. Russell of the University of Michigan and Scott Turner, now chief of the bureau of mines.

No Organic Remains. In a letter to Daude, reporting on the examination Julian D. Sears, administrative geologist of the survey asserted that "the samples are all volcanic rocks and no organic remains of any kind are represented."

"The large specimens," he continued, "show the phenomena called flow banding (most familiar to the laymen in the formation of stick candy). Volcanic lava often flows after extrusion and assumes this character."

"They are made up dominantly of such typical igneous minerals as felspar but a little tridymite, another volcanic rock, is present. Thin sections show no cell structure as is typical of petrified wood."

Early Mistaken. George Otis Smith, director of the survey, referring to the report of the Russell expedition, found photographs made by Turner, who then was a student assistant of the geologists which disclosed how easy it would be to mistake the formations for lizard bones, tree trunks and reptile scales.

One of the photographs shows a formation which might be described as a petrified 15-foot lizard with its head up in a listening attitude but which actually was formed the geologists said by the cooling of a thin stream of lava, while it rotated in the air. When it hit the ground, it still was warm enough not to break.

Similar whirling and cooling phenomena account for the illusion of petrified trees given by other formations, and the natural cracking of the outer surface of a solidifying mass of molten crystals would explain the "reptile scales."

The \$180,000 in bonds besides the \$75,000 which Sinclair gave the committee were returned but Sinclair later gave back \$35,000. Hays said, making his total contribution, \$160,000. It had been previously disclosed that Sinclair had contributed \$75,000.

Telling of his personal appeal to the wealthy oil operator for funds for the committee, the former chairman said Sinclair had told him he would make a personal contribution which he thought should not exceed \$75,000.

He also said he would turn over to an approximately \$125,000 in government bonds in addition to his contribution for such use as might become necessary upon my assurance that he would be repaid the total amount advanced in excess of the \$75,000 contribution," Hays continued.

Both the \$75,000 and the \$125,000 were, I think in government bonds. A portion of the \$125,000 of government bonds was used as a hedge against the stock market, and the remainder was used to pay contributions by many others, enabled the treasurer to announce to the committee at the December meeting that the indebtedness was provided for.

No Record Made. "So far as I know, no record was made of the numbers of these bonds or even of their particular issue."

"Seventy-five thousand dollars of the bonds constituting Sinclair's personal contribution were applied on the committee's indebtedness at

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Earth Shocks In
Montana Towns
Do No Damage

BOZEMAN, Mont., Mar. 1. (AP)—Residents in this section were recovering from an earthquake scare of yesterday, the tremors of which are said to have been the most severe since the quake in June, 1925, which caused several thousands dollars property damage.

The time of the quake, 10:10 a. m., was the time when the instruments at the local office of the Montana power company, was at 3:35 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, lasting, according to various estimations, from 2 to 10 seconds.

Occupants of upper stories of office buildings, hotels, and apartment houses, here felt the shock more acutely than those on the street. In the residential districts the tremors were more keenly felt than in the business section.

Reports from Manhattan, Logan, Trident and Three Forks where the 1925 disturbance caused large property damage also experienced the shock. Further reports say that the intensity of the quake decreased as the neighborhood of Sixteen Mile canyon, Lomhard and other towns to the north. All of the towns and rural districts in Gallatin county to the west felt the shocks. No damage was reported.