

Local News In Brief

Here From Umatilla—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nugent, of Umatilla, are guests in La Grande today of Mrs. Gladys McCormick.

Returns From Portland—C. D. Putnam returned home this morning from a short Portland business trip.

Driving to Portland—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Meyers, accompanied by Mrs. Adolph Siegel, will leave tomorrow morning by car for Portland where they will spend a week.

Issue License—A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Betty Mathews and Mervyn E. Gauthier, both of Union, by Deputy County Clerk Lawrence Graham.

Expected From Chehalis—Henry Hansen was expected home today from Chehalis where he has been for two weeks on a business trip.

Return From School—Miss Edith Ebell arrived home from the University of Oregon this morning on train No. 24 to spend the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ebell.

Shopping From Alice—Mr. and Mrs. Routh McKennon and daughter, Evelyn, were in La Grande today from Alice shopping and transacting business.

In Baker Today—Mrs. R. J. Williams went to Baker today where she spent several hours visiting.

Stop Here Overnight—Mr. and Mrs. William Cartwright and children spent last night in La Grande on their way from Colville, Wash., to Nampa, Ida., where they will make their home.

Driving to Portland—Mrs. C. W. Hinzner and Mrs. R. L. Porech will leave tomorrow morning in the Hinzner car for Portland where they will spend several days.

Stolen Car Found—A Gladsmobile car, bearing license No. 196-297, was stolen from 103 Elm street last night. Later in the evening it was found by the police and returned to its owner.

Home Tomorrow—Mrs. Hugh E. Brady will be home tomorrow from Portland, where she has been on a vacation trip for the past two weeks.

Visiting in Boise—Miss Mildred Hoyt left last night for Boise, Ida., to visit over the weekend with friends there. She will return to La Grande Sunday evening.

How This Morning—David I. Scoddard stopped in La Grande this morning on his way home to Baker from Spokane, Wash., where he has been attending a lumbermen's meeting.

Return to Nampa—Mrs. L. R. Pepper and daughter, Phyllis Ann, returned today to their home in Nampa, Idaho, after visiting here for about ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Allen at 2012 Cedar street.

To Visit Parents—George Anderson, who is a freshman at the University of Oregon, returned home this morning on train No. 24 to spend spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson Sr.

Home From Walla Walla—Mrs. C. F. Robertson returned home yesterday from Walla Walla, where she has been for the past week with relatives and friends.

To Enterprise Monday—E. Russell Scott, scout executive of the Eastern Oregon Boy Scout council, will go to Enterprise Monday where he will assist with the organization of two new boy scout troops.

Visited From Portland—Mrs. Jack Hayes, now of Portland, but formerly of La Grande, spent yesterday in La Grande visiting with Mrs. W. D. McCarthy. Mrs. Hayes left on train No. 24 today for Payette, where she will spend a week or so visiting relatives and friends.

La Grande Girl Pledged—Frieda Klopferstein, of La Grande, sophomore in vocational education at Oregon State college, has been pledged to Enterprise, local honorary in music. Ten other pledges were made. Enterprise, the only music honorary on the campus, chooses its members from those women who have shown special activity in any line of musical endeavor. Scholarship and character are also taken into consideration.

Scout Troop Meets—Boy Scout troop No. 4, which is sponsored by the La Grande American Legion post, met last night at Greenwood school with 40 boys in attendance. The regular business meeting of the troop was held, after which E. Russell Scott, boy scout executive, addressed the group and a surprise feature of the meeting consisted of hot sandwiches, pie and root beer, furnished by the legionnaires. Gilbert Dahl is scout master of the troop and Harley Richardson is assistant scout master. Other legionnaires present for the meeting were Otis Palmer, D. E. Shanks and Walter Dean.

SUBROFF IN BELGIUM—BRUSSELS, Mar. 17. (AP)—Alexander Subroff, young husband of the Princess Victoria of Shamburg-Lippe, who was recently ordered expelled from Germany, has gone to Antwerp intending to sail for the Belgian Congo.

Stiles & Company To Change Hands

Another deal that ends a long business career in La Grande will be consummated next Monday when Joel Richardson and John J. Broomfield will take active possession of the Stiles & Co. following the sale of the company to them by Pearl Stiles, about a week ago. Mr. Stiles has been a La Grande resident for many years and has been in the grain and fuel business at the present location for the past nine years. Mrs. Stiles has been in charge of the office. They expect to finish up several business transactions and then to buy a ranch on which they will make their home.

Mr. Richardson and Mr. Broomfield have been living in La Grande for the last year and a half and before that were in the lumber business together in Idaho. Mr. Richardson is a La Grande man, having lived here with his wife and children, most of his life. The business will continue to deal in hay, grain, fuel, wood and lime. Both Mr. Richardson and Mr. Broomfield believe La Grande's business outlook good.

FIRE LOSS \$200,000

PITTSBURG, N. Y., Mar. 17. (AP)—Soldiers from the 17th barracks, manning the post's fire fighting apparatus, assisted the city firemen today in checking a fire which destroyed two theaters and several stores. The loss was \$200,000.

IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER (Special)—Mrs. Chris Hunt has been visiting among her friends at and near Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and their family have recently come to this locality from Baker and have leased the Hans Westenskow farm.

Mrs. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, was here looking after business matters Thursday.

Mrs. Jeannette Tuttle who has been staying on the Cap Tuttle place since her return from California and Southern Oregon moved Thursday to her own home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Myers and son Charles visited with friends in La Grande Thursday.

A party was given by Mrs. Wilford Westenskow at her home Monday in honor of the sixth birthday anniversary of her son, Donald. After games had been enjoyed, the guests were seated around the table which was decorated with pink and blue ribbons and candles. Late dogs were the favors at each plate and a large birthday cake with six lighted candles formed the centerpiece. The children present were Marian Westenskow, Irene Richeson, Maurine Westenskow, Donald Anderson, Claude Westenskow, Carl Westenskow and the honor guest.

Mrs. H. A. Watson is making some improvements on the interior of her restaurant. An entire new floor is being laid in the kitchen.

Bobbie Huron was back in school this week after his sledge with chicken pox.

The regular meeting of the Imbler Parent-Teacher association was held at the gym Thursday evening with a very good attendance. Mrs. Stella Huron, president, presided at the business meeting and introduced the speaker of the evening, County Superintendent of Schools E. A. Sayre, of La Grande, who spoke at length on the Reed educational bill. At the close of the meeting light refreshments were served.

Orchardists around Imbler are extremely busy these days pruning their trees. Some have already completed the job.

One of the demonstrations of aluminum ware was held Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Blummann. About 25 were present. The women coming at 4 o'clock to watch the preparations of the meal and the men coming at 6 for supper.

Uncle Phil McKinnis, who has been spending a part of the winter at the county home, is back again and occupying his home here.

The Beulah Girls of the L. D. S. primary entertained the first of the primary at a St. Patrick's party Thursday afternoon at the church.

E. M. Pratt and Mr. Dumar of the fish farm were business visitors in Haines Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Westenskow and son, Donald, Earl Landman and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard went to Walla Walla Friday on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Westenskow had as their dinner guests Sunday their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McBride and her grandmother, Mrs. Blanchard.

H. Q. Seaton, of Portland, deputy chamberlain of the Knights of Pythias of the state of Oregon will be back at Imbler on Wednesday evening and will have charge of the installation of the officers of the local order of the K. of P.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Westenskow Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Hans Westenskow, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Westenskow, Alfred Westenskow, Levi Jensen and daughter, Pauline. Dinner was served at 7 o'clock, followed by games and music until a late hour.

The last trial of Hickman at Los Angeles has been watched with perhaps a different interest here. Mrs. Edna Brown, of Long Beach, a sister of A. Page, of Imbler, was one of the jurors on the trial. Mr. Page has not heard from her since the trial but has written her asking for some of her experiences during the court session. She will doubt have plenty of things to relate regarding it.

The railroad of salt ordered through the Pleasant Grove grange arrived at the station here Tuesday and was soon disposed of to those who had put in their advance orders.

A new baby daughter is reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Anderson, here to them last week. Dr. Woodward of La Grande was the attending physician.

CITY SHOULDERS RESPONSIBILITY

Los Angeles to Pay for Property Damage in the Dam Break Tragedy

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 17. (AP)—The job of repairing the havoc spread by the breaking of the St. Francis dam today had been hoisted by the city of Los Angeles, unofficially at least—onto its own shoulders.

Mayor George C. Ryer, acknowledging the city's "moral responsibility," told a conference of city councilmen and officials:

"We cannot restore the lives that have been lost. But we can and will make amends for the property damage that has been wrought."

The mayor and city officials turned down the suggestion of Red Cross representatives that a national appeal be made for relief funds for the flood-torn San Francisco canyon and Santa Clara river valley.

"I feel," the mayor said, "that Los Angeles is perfectly capable of handling the situation. Certainly we can devise ways and means of providing the necessary funds."

An almost military organization with tractors and steam shovels acting as the tanks and heavy artillery and a thousand volunteer searchers as the army, has continued looking for bodies of flood victims.

The latest check of all sources by newspapers last night showed 23 bodies recovered, 209 of these having been identified and 34 unidentified.

MEAD TO INVESTIGATE—ST. FRANCIS DAM BREAK—BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Mar. 17. (AP)—Dr. Elwood Mead, head of the U. S. reclamation department who has been ordered to conduct the federal investigation of the collapse of the St. Francis dam in California, will leave for the west tonight and will start the investigation Wednesday he said here today.

THREE EXECUTED—MEXICO CITY, Mar. 17. (AP)—Dispatches from Guadalupe to Escobedo today said a group of 23 men and women carrying quantities of ammunition to the insurgents were captured by General Daniel Sanchez at La Sandia, near Leon. Three prisoners were executed after a summary court martial. The women were sent to Guadalupe for trial.

RED CROSS WILL HAVE SWIM WEEK DURING SUMMER

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A class in first aid for all who are interested. Arrangements are being made whereby local physicians will give the course, which is a protective step in the prevention of disaster, and will give a nucleus around which to work in case of tragedy.

Miss Blanchard, in addressing the meeting, stressed the importance of knowing first aid and in having a definite comprehensive program along this line—to know what to do in case of disaster. Knowledge is the principal item in the Red Cross program. There were 77 attendees last year in which the Red Cross helped to bring relief. This is the largest number in history as far as is known, according to Miss Blanchard.

FAST BASEBALL LEAGUE EXPECTED

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Senators and is said to have led the league in hitting. He plays in the outfield. Several local players are also expected to try out for the team, including Spud Heims, T. Knight, etc.

After the meeting tomorrow, if permanent organization is definitely agreed upon, plans for the formation of the La Grande club will go ahead rapidly.

CATHERINE CREEK PERSONALS

CATHERINE CREEK (Special)—All here are rejoicing over the pleasant change in weather of the past week. The farmers are anxious to get the ground to dry so that spring farming may be rushed.

Herman Edvanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Edvanson, came home from Ogden, Utah for a visit.

with home folks. He has been away about a year.

Guy, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Christ, was taken to Hot Lake last week where he was operated for appendicitis, and later reports are that he is recovering nicely. His mother is with him.

J. F. DeVore has been busy this week hauling logs to repair the bridge at the "Watermill Hill".

Jake Wilkinson was hauling timber from the mountains for repairs on the bridge which broke down last week while some cattle were being driven across it. This bridge is near the E. Miller ranch.

Henry Caldwell and wife, who were recently married, are moving furniture to their Catherine Creek ranch to start housekeeping.

Roy Cusick and family, of La Grande, were dinner guests at the home of his mother, Mrs. H. J. Cusick.

The Sportsman's club is giving a basket social and a dance at the Club House at the Fish hatchery, on Tuesday evening.

S. P. Kingsbury was transacting business at Union on Monday of this week.

Mrs. J. F. DeVore has been on the sick list this week but is now improving rapidly.

Kenneth Prather, of Union, is staying with his uncle, Ed Miles, and riding to high school at Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hall and daughters, Helen and Beth, were Sunday guests at the home of her father, W. E. Fiekle.

W. S. Christ is hauling hay from the valley to feed his dairy herd.

W. E. Fiekle and wife attended a farm sale at Summerville on Wednesday.

R. H. Ronney, superintendent of the State Fish hatchery, is confined to his home this week, suffering from a severe cold.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—A large crowd attended the motion picture "The Passion Play" presented at the Methodist church Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

Mrs. G. F. Hall and daughter, Alice, were visiting and shopping in La Grande Wednesday afternoon.

Among those from Union who attended the A. C. Glenn farm sale near Summerville, Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fiekle, Charlie Scott, Chester and Wm. Greene, Roy Jones, Chas. Tobin, Lon Mitchell, and Bert Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Goodrich and Mrs. Louisa Burnell were shopping in La Grande Wednesday.

Dr. T. M. Gilmore returned home Sunday after spending a few days in Portland on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman White, of North Powder, were visiting relatives and friends in Union Wednesday.

A. Wright, local druggist returned Friday from Portland where he had been since Sunday. He attended a meeting of the game commissioners held there this week. He was accompanied by Portland by Mrs. John Martens and Mrs. Newell Johns, who will remain in the metropolis for several days.

Among the Union people shopping and visiting in La Grande Thursday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Merion Davis, Mrs. George Winslow, Mrs. Lon Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. James Webb.

RESOURCES OF WALLAWA RANK GREAT

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which has an average elevation of about 4000 feet. The ruggedness of the mass is due to its extreme youthful character which has been modified by a period of alpine glaciation. This has changed all the canyons down to the plateau and has left innumerable cirques and horns all over the range."

Of the formation of the lake, the paper says:

"The most striking feature of the glaciation is a moraine lake just on the edge of the mountains where the Wallawa river rushes out of its canyon mouth to cross the flat-lying lava plateau. Two ancient glaciers extended from Eagle Cap down the east and west forks of the Wallawa river and joined just before reaching the plateau, then pushed out four miles onto the plateau past the jaws of the canyon and piled up on either side gigantic lateral moraines and a terminal moraine at its foot. Now since the retreat of the glacier, Wallawa lake, a jewel of rare beauty, fills the depression."

The geology of the mountains is

given in some detail and a few paragraphs are devoted to the canyons where is found this statement:

"In what is known as 'Hell's canyon', the most forbidding part of Snake river canyon, the walls are almost perpendicular for 1000 feet. If one takes the cross section of the Snake river canyon from the summit of the Seven Devils range in Idaho and down to the Snake river and up the western side to the summit of the Wallawa mountains, we have a section deeper and wider than that of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado."

The various phases of agriculture in the county are discussed, and the writer states that "Wallawa county probably has perhaps next to Baker the greatest variety and potential wealth of natural resources" of all the counties of Oregon east of the Cascade mountains. Little, however, has been done to develop these potential resources.

Black Marble Deposits—The black marble deposit on Alder Slope is discussed and the value of the rock recognized, with the statement:

"However its value as a source of lime has justified the modern improvements which are being installed and Wallawa county will soon enjoy an enlarged and paying industry from this resource."

Other marble outcrops were found by Prof. Smith who wrote that "The Wallawa mountains have practically an inexhaustible supply of limestone and marble." Near Fraser lake he found a body of rock which he considered equal to that at the black marble quarry.

"Mining, which is, confined to the early speaking was, confined to the Wallawa mountains, for the present at least is paying nothing," writes the geologist. "Considerable bit and mica prospecting has been done by local individuals of limited means and aside from several as yet rather undeveloped prospects, little has been done in the way of opening up a mine."

Successful Study of Mines—Mining operations on Snake river are touched on and Mr. Smith says further:

"There is urgent need for a detailed study of the Wallawa mountain ore bodies and a following up of such study with a concentration of development. Nothing has been or will be gained by blindly following idly conceived hunches in exploring for minerals. *To date no metal deposits of major importance have been found in the Wallawa mountains, the several good prospects are known."

"During our operations in the Wallawa mountains proper last summer we took occasion to visit a reputed hot mine near Paradise. The so-called 'hot' was a very inferior lignite of very local character and practically worthless. This lignite was formed in a local swamp or bog in an irregularity in the surface of one of the many lava flows of that region. Commercial coal is rarely formed under such conditions."

Playground and Scenery—Among the natural resources of the county, Prof. Smith places "playground and scenery" in the third rank, altho "potentially this may be the greatest resource of the county, for in the matter of scenery this county has only begun to capitalize its potentialities."

The lakes and waterfalls and landscapes of the high mountains are mentioned as a great attraction, and the geologist says of the canyons:

"Not the least of the scenic attractions of the county are the remarkable canyons of Joseph creek, the Innah, etc., culminating in the remarkable Snake river canyon which is less well known but in many ways more remarkable than the Grand Canyon of the

Colorado. In order to facilitate the tourist in his inspection of these wonderful show places we would call attention to the desirability of extending the excellent program of forest service in that more trails and some roads be built with the erection of rest houses and camp sites at convenient intervals."

"Small guide books with the scenery simply and scientifically explained with complete directions for getting about might very well be prepared and furnished the tourist. If these things are done together with the right kind of advertising there is no reason why this potential resource cannot be made to take first place in the way of yielding revenue to the county."

Hydro-Electric Power.—The Wallawa mountains, the investigator reports, "are perhaps the greatest source of hydro-electric power in all eastern and central Oregon," and he suggests the industrial development this should ultimately bring.

The booklet concludes with the following summary and recommendations:

"1. That natural resources far exceed the cultural resources in value."

"2. Of the cultural resources, particular attention should be given to the expansion of (1) dairy; (2) livestock, especially hogs; (3) fruit; (4) sheep and goats; (5) poultry."

"3. Those natural resources which demand immediate and vigorous expansion are in their order: (1) scenery and recreation; (2) a quarrying; b. mining; (3) hydro-electric power; (4) lumbering."

"4. Whole hearted support should be given such movements as the Wallawa County Agricultural-Economic conference, and

efforts should be made to minister and expand such an organization to the entire exploration and development of all Wallawa county resources."

"5. A program of scientific promotion to take the place of ineffective booster advertising should be inaugurated."

"6. Removal of some of the petty jealousies existing between the towns of this region."

"7. Improvement of some existing roads and extension of new ones to points of scenic importance."

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