

Local News In Brief

Returns to Portland—

A. E. Brown left by train today for Portland after a short business stay in La Grande.

To Visit in Portland—

Mrs. L. Carter left by train this morning for Portland where she will remain indefinitely with her daughter who is ill. Mrs. Carter's home is at 3211 North Alder street.

Goes to The Dalles—

Mrs. O. S. Holson left by train this morning for The Dalles where she will visit for 19 days with her father, W. H. Stambaugh.

Leaving for Convention—

The Rev. J. A. Hall left on train No. 17 this morning for Weston where he will attend the district conference of the Methodist Church South. Mr. Hall will be gone until Friday evening.

Mother is ill—

Mrs. K. Lucille Daly has been notified that her mother, Mrs. Mary Brown Lewers, is quite ill at Paducah, Ky.

Attended Grand Opera—

Mrs. Evelyn Hearnshaw returned Sunday night from Portland where she attended several performances of the Chicago Civic Opera company.

Drove to Lake—

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McCleod, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dan McCleod, of Walla, Walla, who have been visiting here for a few weeks, drove to Wallawa Lake Sunday. Messrs. McCleod are brothers.

Returns to O. S. C—

Wellington Hamilton returned by train last night to Corvallis where he is a student at the Oregon State college. He has been spending the spring vacation here with his mother, Mrs. Clair Hamilton.

Leaving for Arizona—

Mrs. J. W. Baker and daughter, Lillian, left this morning by train for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will spend about two months visiting with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Galt. They were accompanied on train No. 24. Their home here is at 1212 Y avenue.

Silk Train Through—

A silk train, bound East with its cargo from the Western coast, passed through La Grande at eight o'clock this morning, the scheduled time for the arrival of train No. 17, which did not pull in until 8:45 a. m.

Attended Musical Comedy—

During the La Grande couples who drove to Baker Sunday for the musical comedy "Hit the Deck" were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seiber, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Decker and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass.

Books Visit Here—

Boone Moon returned last night to Corvallis to resume his studies at Oregon State college after spending spring vacation here with his mother, Mrs. Ella Moon and his brothers, Edward, Harry and Elmer, of the Moon Drug store.

Visited for Few Days—

A former newspaper woman is Mrs. George Stevens, of Portland, who returned home this morning after a short pleasure trip to La Grande. Mrs. Stevens has published weekly in several Eastern localities, has worked for daily papers in Eastern cities and desires that "she'd like to be back in the news again."

Taken to Hospital—

Mrs. Harry Proctor, formerly of La Grande but now of Molokai, P. H., who has been visiting here with relatives and friends for a week, is in the Grande Ronde hospital where she is seriously ill of pneumonia. Members of the family report that she was but slightly better this morning. Mrs. Proctor and her little son, Jack, came to La Grande about a week ago to visit and she became suddenly ill after her arrival. Mrs. Proctor was Effie Alsworth before her marriage. Mr. Proctor is the son of County Assessor D. H. Proctor.

Returns From Anniversary—

A happy and beautiful occasion that seldom comes in the lifetime of any family was experienced last Saturday in the family of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Tyler, of Villena, La., of whom R. E. Tyler of La Grande is a son. The occasion was the fifth wedding anniversary Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler at which every one of their seven children were present with their wives and husbands and with 12 grandchildren and a number of cousins and other relatives among the family group. Tyler, who is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Tyler, of La Grande, was not able to be present. All of the son-in-laws were there. Frank Tyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tyler, accompanied his father to Iowa. Mr. Tyler and Frank returned home on train No. 47 this morning. He is owner of the Blue Mountain creamery.

Ill at Home—

Mrs. F. S. Sherwood has been confined to her home for the past week by illness.

Substituting at Postoffice—

Wilma Latham is working in the postoffice here, substituting for E. O. Payton, clerk, who has been ill for some time.

Home From Portland—

Mrs. Walter H. Guild returned home Sunday from Portland where she attended the opera. She saw "The Snow Maiden" and "Rouletteduction."

Visiting With Brother—

Mrs. J. W. Stepp, of Castle Rock, Wash., is visiting here with her brother, W. T. Grider, for a few weeks.

Return Home—

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mohr and son, Robert, returned home yesterday from White Salmon, where they visited for a week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Kloster. They made the trip by auto.

Open Display Yard—

The Washington Nursery company's La Grande display yard has just been opened on East Adams avenue, across from the Service grocery and next to Clay's Place. C. W. Everett is local agent.

Goes to Enterprise—

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, of La Grande, left this morning for Enterprise where he will hold motion day in the Wallawa county court house today.

Is Somewhat Better—

Miss Bernetta Pierson, who has been ill of the "flu" for the past three weeks is gradually improving although she is not yet able to be up. The Pierson home is at 1305 Tenth street.

Visited at Tucker Home—

Mrs. E. L. Sewell returned home to Elgin this morning after visiting here for a week with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tucker at their home at the Grande Ronde apartments. Mr. Tucker is a United States forest ranger.

License is Issued—

A marriage license has been issued at the Union county courthouse to Alice L. Stacey, of Cove and Emmett A. Blank, of Richland.

Home for Vacation—

Cecil Sherwood, who is a student at the Oregon State college, is home for a week's vacation. He plans to return to Corvallis the last of this week.

Here From Enterprise—

R. J. Campbell, vice president and manager of the East Oregon Lumber company, is in the city today from Enterprise. Mr. Campbell is here to attend the fire association meeting, which is being held at the city hall.

Knight of Pythias Met—

The Knight of Pythias held a regular business meeting at their hall last night with Chancellor Commander Harley Stonelick presiding. Attendance was fairly good, with about 20 lodge members out. Routine business was transacted during the meeting.

Lodge Meets—

The Encampment of the I. O. O. F. lodge met last evening in regular session at the Odd Fellows temple here with 20 members in attendance. Albert Loock, chief patrol, presided, assisted by Henry McGoldrick, senior warden. Only the regular business of the lodge was taken up during the meeting.

Leave for Alaska—

Mr. and Mrs. George Moriarty left this morning for Bremerton, Wash., where they will visit for a short time with Mr. Moriarty's brother, before leaving for Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Moriarty have made their home in La Grande for the past year and were proprietors of the Ideal Cleaners here. They plan to make their home in Alaska.

Correction—

In a local news item in yesterday's issue of The Observer it was erroneously stated in reference to mention of Francis Greulich, that he was a member of the firm of "Meyers and Greulich." The firm at present is Meyers and Hosen, owners of the Arcade and Star theaters. The new firm will not be in existence until May 1.

Officers go to Pendleton—

Four state traffic officers, among them Buck Llewellyn, who recently gained national fame as co-captain of Hickman and just recently resumed his duties with the state force, left La Grande this morning for Portland after testing automobile lights here last night. They have been at Ontario and Baker where they also tested lights and will continue the tests in Pendleton. The officers are, besides Mr. Llewellyn, W. W. Yancy, of Ontario, Walter Lansing, of Baker, and Dick Robertson, of La Grande. "Buck" hasn't changed at all since

Dam's Collapse Is Laid At Door Of Its Builders

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 27 (AP)—Responsibility for the collapse of the St. Francis dam near Los Angeles on March 13, today was placed squarely with the builders of the structure, by the governor's commission appointed to investigate the disaster.

The findings of the commission were embodied in the following three conclusions:

1—The failure of the dam was due to defective foundations.

2—There is nothing in the failure of the dam to indicate that the accepted theory of the gravity type dam is in error.

3—The failure of the structure indicated the desirability of having all of such structures erected and maintained under the supervision and control of state authority.

Elaborating the statement embodied in the second conclusion of the report, the commission asserted there is no question about the safety of concrete dams designed in accordance with the gravity theory when built upon even ordinarily sound bed rock.

Adding that the failure of this dam suggested the desirability of having such structures under state control, the commissioners declared that police power of the state should be extended to all structures impounding any considerable quantity of water.

ROBERT C. AYERS ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY TODAY

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declared that he is "first, last and all the time in favor of Senator Walsh's candidacy for the presidency, and I shall certainly vote for him if I have an opportunity to do so in the primaries."

This was in the nature of a reply to a letter written by Oswald West, democratic national committeeman for Oregon, which questioned Pierce in reference to the truth of rumors that Al Smith's candidacy was finding favor in the eyes of the former governor.

STOCK BREAK RIPS MARKET; TRADE GREAT

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establishing new altitude records almost daily for more than three weeks, went into a nose dive today, as prices crashed \$5 to nearly \$29 a share in one of the wildest sessions in Wall street history. Supporting orders were quickly supplied and about half the losses were recovered in a brisk rally around mid-day.

Trading was conducted at an unprecedented pace, more than 2,000,000 shares changing hands in the first two hours. With the market at mid day, there were strong indications that the day's total sales might cross the 5,000,000 share mark for the first time in history. The 4,000,000 share mark has been crossed only twice, the first time on March 22 and the second time in yesterday's record-breaking session of 4,176,200 shares.

Scat Brings \$360,000

The reaction in stock prices quickly had its influence on the price of New York stock exchange membership, sale of a seat being arranged today at \$260,000, a drop of \$15,000 below the record price established yesterday.

General Motors, which has soared nearly \$6 a share in three weeks, plunged from \$158 to \$130 a share in the first hour of trading. Montgomery Ward reacted from \$149.62 1/2 to \$140. Sears Roebuck from \$110.50 to \$97. Dupont from last night's close of \$29 1/2 to \$28 1/2. Chrysler from \$73 to \$66, P. S. Steel common from \$151 to \$146, and Hudson Motors from \$29.75 to \$24.75.

BLAME POLITICS FOR BOMBINGS IN CITY OF CHICAGO

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Inaction, States Attorney Crowe, said he was satisfied that the bombings were done "by leaders in the Deen forces and . . . done mainly to discredit Mayor Thompson and himself."

"They realize that they are hopelessly defeated and in a desperate effort to stem the tide of defeat they are resorting to these dangerous tactics."

DEEN'S BELIEF

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (AP)—Senator Deen, of Illinois, attributed the bombing of his home in Chicago last night to the political fight in progress there for the control of the Cook republican machine.

"In my judgment," he said here today, "the bombing of my home last night is the work of the organized and collected criminal classes of Chicago and Cook county in their desperate effort to retain political control of the city and county."

his entry into fame with Tom Gurdane as captor of Hickman.

"Los Angeles folk were fine to Tom and myself but it's good to get back to Oregon," said Mr. Llewellyn. Mr. Gurdane is still in Los Angeles negotiating about the reward money which has not yet been apportioned. It is understood. Mr. Llewellyn was given a rousing reception when he returned to Pendleton about two weeks ago to resume his work.

CARR URGES MORE LOCAL INVESTMENT

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interest and a portion of principal.

Speaking of various installment bonds, Mr. Carr showed in some cases that after payments had been made for a year and even more that the bond had no cash surrender value due to the strict terms of the contract.

In opening his talk Mr. Carr said the La Grande Building and Loan association was organized along the conventional lines, with usual membership fee, fines and forfeitures but during the last year he became acquainted with methods employed in successful building and loan associations in the state of Washington and the local association changed its policy to eliminate membership fees and all fines and penalties.

Under the present plan he says it would be putting for an investor to put his money in and nothing to get it out. The expenses of the association are being paid for by the difference between what they pay for the money invested and what they loan it for. He said that under the old building and loan system adhered to by most outside companies it was a better investment for a man to put his money in the banks at four percent than in a building and loan if he did not comply with the strict letter and requirements of the contract.

Annual Loss \$125,000

Mr. Carr estimated that at least \$125,000 is lost to people of this community in the form of membership fees, fines and forfeitures which they are forced to pay in these outside investments. He made a plea for investing at home and said that keeping the money in local financial institutions was one of the most important problems before the community today and of vital concern to every business man.

Charles E. Malboeuf, secretary, announced that the better business bureau had unanimously endorsed the La Grande Baseball club's financial campaign. On motion, the chamber of commerce accepted this report.

Benjamin Osterling played a saxophone solo and was encored by hearty applause. Miss Dorothy Brownston accompanied him at the piano.

MALHEUR SEES A BRIGHT FUTURE

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July 1, Mr. Spencer says. Preliminary work has been finished at the dam site such as the surveying, etc., and when the actual building begins, several hundred men will be added to the lot that are already working on the railroad.

In building the canal, according to Mr. Spencer, there will be a seven-mile tunnel made from the dam to the tablelands where 145,000 acres can be irrigated.

To Cost \$18,000,000

It is said that when finished, the dam—which will cause the water of the Owyhee river to back up for 65 miles, will be the highest in the United States. Seven years is the time estimated it will take to complete the project and the cost will be at least \$18,000,000.

Mr. Spencer is very enthusiastic over the potential soil production in that section. There are already wonderful crops—wheat yields as high as 90 bushels to the acre, and he knows of one place where 240 tons of alfalfa were put up off of 60 acres last year. Crops of all kinds and truck garden stuff grows in great profusion. This land is irrigated by the use of electric and other kinds of pumps. "But," Mr. Spencer says, "without water one cannot raise a thing."

REAL DRINKING!

LOS ANGELES—C. C. Julian believes that 1909 barrels of whiskey have been consumed in his home in the last four years. He so testified when prosecuting on embezzlement charges against his wife.

Tax Reduction Of Two Hundred Million Is Seen

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (AP)—New tax reduction recommendations are to be made to congress by Secretary Mellon on April 3 and President Coolidge expects to endorse them. The treasury secretary's figure is expected to be around \$200,000,000.

Although the president has held that congress could reduce taxes \$225,000,000 if it kept down expenditure that figure has been qualified to make it dependant on the final reports of the March 15 income tax payments.

Reports that I. Lang will be president of the new company and that Frank A. Spencer will be general manager are declared founded on rumor. These officers may be elected, but no official meeting of directors has made such decision as yet. Mr. Lang is president of Lang and company, and Mr. Spencer is general manager of Allen and Lewis.

\$374,000 TO BE SPENT IN 2ND DIVISION

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was completed. About \$2000 will be spent on the branch line removing the slide which recently occurred there about two miles west of Minam. A temporary track has been built around the slide. The branch line train was delayed only two days. A steam shovel is being used in removing the slide from the tracks and in about ten more days the work will be completed and the condition of the track normal. There were more slides than usual on the branch line this year.

Mr. Guild reports, making an additional expense of about \$3000, including the \$2000 necessary for removing the large slide at Minam.

In addition to the \$400,000 spent last year for "betterments," \$1,556,000 was spent for maintenance of way and structures, the money expended for betterments being entirely separate from the maintenance of way fund. A total of \$545,136.01 was spent for the maintenance of equipment, and \$2,789,610 for transportation, which includes \$1,600,000 for fuel alone, such as coal and oil, and \$1,189,610 in wages for train engineers and yardmen.

The balance from the amount spent for fuel and the wages goes mostly toward salaries of officials and of tie help.

Insurance Case Appeal Decided

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 27 (AP)—The circuit court for Multnomah county is required, by an opinion of the supreme court today, to take jurisdiction of the case of Adolph Kahn, resident of Germany, against the New York Life Insurance company.

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Aviator May Be Lost in Mountains

BRAVER, Pa., Mar. 27 (AP)—The treacherous Pennsylvania mountains bane of all aviators, today were believed to hold the fate of Pilot Arnold F. Sullivan, Beverly, Mass., missing for nearly a week.

Sullivan was forced down near here ten days ago by engine trouble and left Wednesday for Boston. He intended to cross the mountains and then point the nose of his plane north for Boston.

Obituary

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La Grande, Oregon

New Company To Construct \$800,000 Portland Building

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 27 (AP)—Erection of an entirely new manufacturing plant to house the future intensive activities of the merged corporations of Lang and company, Allen and Lewis and Macdon Ehrman company is being considered by the companies involved. The new plant will cost in the neighborhood of \$800,000.

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Al Smith Writes Another Letter

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 27 (AP)—Governor Alfred Smith has written Chairman Gerald P. Nye, of the Teapot Dome committee, that "a letter of apology and not a tirade of abuse" is due him for the senator's statement concerning campaign contributions to the governor from Harry P. Sinclair.

The governor's letter was in reply to one from Senator Nye in which the latter charged him with seeking to undermine public confidence in the committee's investigation.

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