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BUY BUILDING
AND LOAN CO.
IN LA GRANDE

Portland Mortgage Investment Company Acquires Association Here

LOCAL OFFICE TO
BE MAINTAINED

Consolidation to be Effected in Next 60 Days—Other Companies to be Purchased.

Control of the La Grande Building and Loan association has been acquired by the Mortgage Investment company of Portland, which is the operating and controlling corporation of the Guardian Building and Loan Association of Portland, and consolidation of the La Grande Building and Loan association will follow in a period of approximately 60 days. This was announced here this morning by J. J. Carr, who has been manager of the building and loan here for the last three years. The office will be maintained here in charge of H. M. Ray and the new organization expects to make considerable improvement in the office quarters.

Greater Safety
From a financial standpoint, the position of depositing members is very much strengthened, according to J. S. Moltzen, representing the new company here. The Guardian Building and Loan association has at present accumulated assets of approximately three-quarters of a million dollars, and considerable economy is effected through central control, which will afford not only greater safety to members here but a larger amount of money for loan purposes in this locality. According to the sale the reserved stock holders have been reimbursed for their investment, their stock having been purchased by the Mortgage Investment Co. There will be some local stockholders who will retain their interest in the new organization, however.

The Guardian association proposes to establish a regional board of directors of local people, who will have charge of operations in this locality.

In addition to the greater safety afforded through the combination of assets there is a wide diversity of loans, as loans are made all over the state, and the value of the loans is enhanced by reason of this diversification.

To Acquire Other Companies

The Mortgage Investment company has already acquired the Investors Savings and Loan association in Bend, the Fidelity Savings and Loan association in Portland and owns control of the Guardian General Insurance agency, the Aloha Finance corporation, the

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O. N. G. RIFLE
TEAMS SHOOT
HERE SEPT. 29

One of the most beautiful cups ever displayed in La Grande is the O. N. G. trophy, which was donated by J. H. Pearce and given to the rifle team of Eastern Oregon. It will never become the permanent possession of any team, but will once year be enjoyed with the winning team and the date. It will be exhibited in Pendleton the last of the week.

La Grande men are practicing this week to get in trim and make the Company K rifle team which will be selected by Captain W. A. Bean a short time before the fourth annual tournament, Sept. 29.

Captain R. is very anxious to have it using the first one increased on this new cup, which has a target and two crossed rifles on it. In three years the La Grande team has gained permanent possession of two cups.

The match will be held at the La Grande range on the Walter Pierce ranch near Ladd canyon. Four companies will participate: Company E from Baker, Company G from Pendleton, Battalion Headquarters Co. of Union, and Company K from La Grande. Six men from each company will constitute a team.

Outstanding contenders this season for the local rifle team are Sergeant Carl Ebert, Sergeant Howard Olsen, Sergeant Herman York, Sergeant Dewey Oliver and Lieutenant Porter Webb.

Prizes donated by the business men of the various towns will also be awarded to the team with the highest scores.

WEATHER TODAY

72-24, m. 52, above.
Minimum: 48, above.
Condition: Smoky.

Weather Yesterday

Maximum: 52; minimum: 45, above.
Condition: Clear.

Weather Sept. 18, 1928

Maximum: 70; minimum: 50, above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

L. H. S. Classes
Elect Officers
For School Year

Lee Johnson, Cecil Black and Ralph Geibel Head Senior, Junior and Sophomore Groups.

The three upper classes of the high school elected officers yesterday in their respective meetings. Lee Johnson, Cecil Black and Ralph Geibel are presidents of their respective classes, senior, junior and sophomore.

Other officers for this year in the senior class are: vice president, Donald Patten; secretary-treasurer, Mildred Blokland; live wires, Margaret Cunliffe, and George Kumawaka; well leader, Ellis Watkins.

The junior candidates for officers who were elected were: Donald Patten, vice president; Phyllis Dunn, secretary-treasurer; Jacqueline O'Brien and Orval Anderson, live wires; Fred Nowland, yell leader.

The sophomore class selected the following to lead them through the next two terms: James Leslie, vice president; Wilma Hansell, secretary-treasurer; Sally Seligson and Charles DeVine, live wires; Sandy Anderson, yell leader.

The freshman class plans to be completely organized next week. Being a larger and newer class, more time is taken for their organization.

Lions District
Governor To Be
Dinner Speaker

Lloyd T. Reynolds, district governor of Lions from Salem, Ore., will be the main speaker at the dinner banquet here this evening of Saturday, Oct. 12. It was announced today by the Lions charter night committee following a meeting last night. Dr. Webster K. Ross is chairman of the committee.

The charter will be presented to La Grande by Mr. Reynolds and this will constitute the first chartered Lions club east of the Cascades in Oregon. In the last three weeks, the La Grande club has sponsored organizations at Milwaukie, Enterprise and Baker, which will be chartered in the near future.

Carl Helm will preside at the banquet, which will begin at 7 o'clock in the Steadman Inn ballroom. The committee has secured Bob Fletcher's Round-Up orchestra to furnish music, and several featured entertainers and several speakers also will appear on the evening's program.

Present indications are that from 200 to 300 will be present from the various Eastern Oregon clubs, and also from Portland, Walla Walla, Arlington and The Dalles.

Speakers For
National Park
Meet Announced

Short speeches covering every phase of the Yellowstone national park movement will be made at tonight's mass meeting in the Steadman Inn ballroom, called by the Presidents club of La Grande.

A. W. Nelson, chairman of the club, will preside and give an introductory talk. Harley Richardson will speak on "Why the Capitol Lake Basin Offers for a National Park." H. W. Smith will speak on "Organization in Three States and Traffic Hookups." G. L. Larson will talk on the "Advertising Advantages to Eastern Oregon." And Aug. J. Stange will speak on "A Straight Message to the Business, Professional and Industrial Men of La Grande."

Following the brief speeches, the meeting will be thrown open for free discussion and answering of any questions regarding this matter. The national park movement in relation to Walla Walla county will be taken up.

The meeting begins at 7:30 o'clock.

E. R. Ringo Talks
On Constitution
At Rotary Club

Rotarians, meeting at the La Grande hotel in their weekly luncheon today, heard a very interesting and informative address by E. R. Ringo on the "Constitution." Yesterday was the 122nd anniversary of the signing of the immortal document, and the Rotary club program today was in memory of that famous occasion.

Mr. Ringo has delivered several talks in La Grande on the subject of the constitution, and his speech today proved his mastery of the subject. His talk was combined with a bit of humor mixed in with the more serious parts, and contained a vast amount of historical matter leading up to the formation of the constitution. Mr. Ringo stressed the point that everybody should read the constitution in order to realize all privileges we enjoy under the present government are based on the constitution.

SAMPAS TO PLAY HERE

Announcement was made just before The Observer went to press this afternoon that the strong Nampa, Ida., high school football team will play La Grande High in La Grande on Oct. 11.

WORK BEGINS
ON HILGARD,
KAMELA ROAD

Dangerous Stretch Along Old Oregon Trail to be Widened 10 Feet.

TIME LIMIT FOR
CONTRACT AUG. 31

Dozen Men Employed Now But Crew Will Increase to 50—E. L. Gates is Contractor.

Drilling work started today on the Kamela-Hilgard section of the Oregon Trail, which will be widened to an average width of thirty feet, about ten feet more than it is at present. Two gasoline shovels will arrive about the last of the month, which will be used in this construction.

The contractor, E. L. Gates, has started to make a camp at Kamela, a railroad siding this side of Kamela. Widening will start at the county line a little beyond Kamela and extend down the hill to Hilgard. The time limit for completion of the contract is set for August 31, 1930. Work will continue this fall as long as the weather permits. They may be forced to stop for a while in January, if the conditions are usual. H. G. Smith, division engineer, announced yesterday.

About a dozen men are employed now, but later it is expected that about fifty will be at work on the construction.

The widening of this road is a need that has been felt for a long time. It is said here, and it is with much pleasure that Eastern Oregon people, particularly those of La Grande and Pendleton, view the beginning of the work. Formerly this road was regarded as one of the most dangerous in the state highway system because of the narrowness of the road and the frequent curves.

The resurfacing of the road from Lentine to Enterprise has been completed; however, there will be trucks on this stretch for several days doing cleaning and shoulder work, Mr. Smith said.

FLOWER SHOW IS
HELD AT UNION

Display of Autumn Blossoms Judged Yesterday at Women's Club House

(By Mrs. L. Z. Terrill, (Continued on Page 5))

UNION, Sept. 18 (Special)—Union did itself proud on the display of autumn blossoms at the annual flower show given by the Women's club at its attractive club house yesterday. Not only the quality of the flowers but the number of exhibitors for this time of year brought many expressions of surprise and admiration. The arrangement of the flowers showed the results of much artistic ability on the part of the committee in charge, composed of Mrs. Merton Davis, Mrs. S. K. Miller and Mrs. Louisa Russell.

Mrs. Cannon had charge of the afternoon and evening entertainment, assisted by Mrs. Gen. Baird, Mrs. Walter Carl, Mrs. Alex. Shuler and others. Several awarded themselves of the opportunity to play bridge in the afternoon and enjoyed refreshments before departing for their homes.

The awards for exhibits were made by the Clark brothers of La Grande.

The first prize winners were as follows:

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Smoke From Western Oregon And
Washington Covers Grande Ronde

Although there are no forest fires within about 200 miles of La Grande, smoke drifting into the Grande Ronde valley from Western Oregon and Western Washington is no more today as to blanket anything in invisibility over three blocks away. The sun was not visible this morning until it was high in the sky, and then appeared like a red globe, its brightness obliterated by the smoke.

The presence of the smoke, in addition to the unpleasant odor, increases the fire hazard tremendously, in that it makes it extremely difficult to watch for new blazes in the forests. A fire could start and gain much headway before it would be discovered, it was said locally.

Aerial travel is practically impossible because of the smoke. Last night, shortly after the heavy clouds began drifting in from the west, the aircraft bearing light on Rooster peak became invisible from the western part of La Grande.

The quantity of the smoke is coming from the Stevenson, Wash., area where 88,000 acres have been burned over, it is said. Walla Walla was so dark this morning that there was some thought of

Carl Anderson
Is Sentenced To
Year And A Day

La Grande Man Pleads Guilty Before Federal Court to Dealing in Opium on Aug. 1.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 18 (AP)—Of the fourteen defendants brought before Federal Judge McNary yesterday was Carl Anderson, La Grande, who pleaded guilty to dealing in opium, August 1. He was sentenced to a year and a day at McNeil prison.

Frank McLaughlin and Clyde Lint, arrested on the Pacific highway near Grants Pass with 23 gallons of liquor in their automobile, pleaded guilty. McLaughlin was sentenced to six months in the county jail and Lint three.

Hersie Moore, an Indian woman, pleaded guilty to possession of liquor on the Klamath reservation August 5 and was sent to jail for seven months and fined \$100.

James Hall and Merlin Moore, charged with breaking into the postoffice at Oles, Clallam county, July 19, were given until Friday to plead. Eliot Henderson, charged with breaking into the Tillamook, Ore., postoffice, pleaded not guilty and his case was set for trial November 12.

John Shellock and Mary Cowen Jackson, charged with possession of liquor on an Indian reservation at Chillicothe, will enter the pleas today.

ORGANIZER OF
TEXTILE UNION
IS FLOGGED

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 18 (AP)—Charles Tessner, 24, organizer for the National Textile Workers' union, was taken from his home in Kings Mountain early today, spirited away by three men across the South Carolina line and beaten.

He was brought to Charlotte after reporting to Sheriff Wright of Gaffney, S. C.

Tessner's story was that there was a knock at the door of his home and that when his wife went to see who it was, she was informed by the three men they had a warrant for Tessner's arrest.

They entered and ordered him to get out of bed. When he told them to read the warrant, he was grabbed and pulled from the house, he said, the men choking him when he attempted to scream. The men took Tessner to a woods. There they pulled the rug from the tree and flogged him.

Teachers Meet In
L. H. S. Auditorium

The local chapter of the classroom Teachers' association met yesterday in the high school auditorium presided over by the president, Anna C. Smith, teacher at the local high school.

After a program of singing and reports a short business meeting was held when they discussed the activities for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Towler gave interesting reports of the National Education Association convention held at Atlantic City, this summer. Some members of the central school faculty sang a selection, "The Classroom Teacher."

The date for the next meeting was not announced.

Accuses Man Of
Strangling Wife

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Sept. 18 (AP)—District Attorney Frank H. Coyle, charged in court today that Earl Brown killed his wife deliberately by strangling after being hit by a blow from his pistol butt.

Coyle admits killing his wife and setting fire to her body but asserts the killing was premeditated and was not provoked by the first degree murder penalty.

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Smoke From Western Oregon And
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turning on street lights. Conditions at both Baker and Pendleton were reported to be similar to those in La Grande. One La Grande man, upon arriving here from Western Oregon by automobile, said that the smoke was so thick along the Columbia River highway that one could not see the river, although it was only a short distance away.

In some parts in Western Oregon and Washington the smoke is so thick as to cause partial darkness, causing burning of electricity lights and causing chickens to go to roost in the day time.

Planes evidently have said that this is one of the heaviest smoke clouds to settle down over the valley in their remembrance.

Many people could not believe that the smoke was drifting from so distant a place and the local fire warden has been besieged with inquiries all morning.

PICK LLOYD FROM FLOYD?



Floyd and Lloyd Holland, Eugene, Ore., twins, certainly do look alike. Induced, who were seeing doubles all day, picked them as the most similar twins at Albany, Oregon, big annual Twin Round-Up, which brought together more than 200 pairs of all ages and sizes.

La Guardia Wins
Nomination In
Republican Vote

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (AP)—Representative Fiorella H. La Guardia is the Republican candidate for mayor as the result of his decisive defeat of William M. Bennett in the city primaries.

La Guardia will be the principal opponent of Mayor James J. Walker in his campaign for reelection this fall. Mayor Walker was renominated by the Democrats without opposition.

In a light vote, which brought about 20 per cent of the registered voters in the city yesterday, La Guardia assumed an early lead over Walker, which reached a ratio of about four to one when the fourth of the returns were tabulated. In 2,650 of the city's 2,496 precincts, La Guardia had 27,662; Bennett, 8,579.

When returns indicated his nomination La Guardia said: "The result is not as surprising and incidentally one thing that Cannon Chase had better keep out of New York city politics."

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18 (AP)—"Flooded" regular and instructed Republicans in nearly all sections of Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, successfully beat off independent groups of the party in yesterday's primary, unofficial but nearly complete election returns revealed today.

The organization of Senator-elect William R. Varo came through with flying colors in Philadelphia.

Three Fires Here
During 24 Hours

Three fires occurred in La Grande during the last 24 hours, one yesterday morning at the Odeon-Chambers due to an explosion, a house fire last evening at 529 o'clock, and a small fire in the Garment factory, on Adams avenue, at 12:29 o'clock this morning.

The house fire, back of the Ray Price home at 763 M avenue, was quickly extinguished and no damage was done.

Fire in the Garment factory, which started at a sewing according to Fire Chief G. T. Lindsey, caused some damage, although this had not been estimated this morning.

Firemen saw smoke coming through the door and gave the alarm. Very little water was used by the department in extinguishing the blaze. The recall was sounded 28 minutes later.

Two Deaf Mules
Burned to Death

SARASOTA, Fla., Sept. 18 (AP)—Ellis A. Wilk, 54, caretaker of the state armory, and his wife, both deaf mutes, were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed a portion of the structure and caused water damage to adjoining building.

The blaze started on the second floor of the armory in the rear of the building. Wilk and his wife were found dead in the front part of the armory.

TAXPAYER NAMES
TO BE MADE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—The senate finance committee voted today to make public the names of 323 corporations and individuals taxpayers about whom democratic opposition members have asked the treasury for information as to their income tax returns.

The information is sought use in the pending tariff debate.

The democrats announced they wished to ascertain data on income tax payments by firms and individuals which would profit by tariff rate increases proposed in the bill.

COIN TAKEN FROM CHILD
SARASOTA, Fla., Sept. 18 (AP)—A two-year-old girl was recovering in a Portland hospital today following an operation for the removal of a nickel from her stomach. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Deibel, Silverton. The child was playing with the coin and placed it in her mouth.

Round-Up Opens;
Taylor Statue
Is Dedicated

Twentieth Annual Show Under Way This Afternoon in Spite of Light Smoke Pall.

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 18 (AP)—Clarence T. Taylor, dead sheriff of Umatilla county, as a typical Western character, an honest and just peace officer, Governor I. L. Patterson today dedicated the equestrian statue to the memory of the great sheriff who died in the line of duty to prevent a jail delivery.

Thousands, among them hundreds of peace officers from the Pacific Northwest, thronged the Taylor Memorial park to hear the governor dedicate the great figure. The governor praised the spirit of Pendleton in the completion of the statue.

Statue Unveiled
Sheldon Taylor Jr., grandson of the late sheriff, pulled the cord which unveiled the masterpiece of A. P. Proctor, noted sculptor and friend of the sheriff.

Despite a light smoke pall hanging over the district, Pendleton's twentieth annual Round-Up got under way this afternoon with thousands in stands witnessing the crowning of the world's champions of rodeo.

Visitors were continuing to flock into the city for the four days of the great western show.

Twenty-eight events were being run off in rapid fire succession. Directors, headed by Henry Collins, president, ordered action all the time. Contents included a stage coach race, bucking contest and dozens of other attractions.

NEW LIFE GIVEN
EXPORT BUSINESS

Jefferson Myers Speaker at Opening Session of Foreign Trade Council.

SEATTLE, Sept. 18 (AP)—New life has been given American export business in recent years by the United States department of commerce and the United States shipping board, Jefferson Myers, of Portland, commissioner of the shipping board, said here today, at the opening session of the Pacific foreign trade council.

The contribution of the department of commerce, Myers said, was in surveying, studying, opening, developing and expanding foreign markets. In this work, he said, the department had assembled a mass of reliable information which is available to producers and exporters.

The shipping board has established dependable water transportation in foreign trade for the carriage in this increased export commerce, which has more than doubled since 1914, Myers said, amounting to \$5,125,000,000 in 1928 as compared with \$2,364,578,148 in 1914, an increase of 120 per cent. Imports have also shown great gain in that time, he said, amounting to \$4,991,000,000 in 1928 as compared with \$1,825,925,657 in 1914, a gain of 170 per cent.

"So long as the people of the United States produce in excess of their requirements, they must have foreign markets for that surplus, and requiring markets, they must have dependable transportation at reasonable and stabilized rates," Myers said.

He declared that the people of the United States have learned that the only transportation they can depend upon for delivery of American products to competitive foreign markets at all times, especially in times of national need, is an American merchant marine, not operated by citizens of the United States.

Lindbergh To Visit
In South America

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh arrived at Bolling field here this afternoon on a flight from Roosevelt field, New York, en route to Miami, Fla.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Lindbergh. At Miami he will start a three-day journey to Central and South America.

Seattle Siamese
Twins Pass Away

SEATTLE, Sept. 18 (AP)—Seattle's first and only "Siamese Twins" died today. The twins, girls, joined by a section of flesh just below the lower thorax, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bates of Ironside, Wash., near here. The mother was reported recovering from an operation.

Freezing Weather
In Midwest Today

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 18 (AP)—Freezing temperatures reported today in North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota moderated further south but brought cool weather to the south.

At Kansas City the thermometer stood at 46 degrees. Heavy frosts were found as far south as northern Iowa and Illinois.

CALLS ON SANTA

CHICAGO, Sept. 18 (AP)—Rosa, a 6-year-old Santa Claus, was seen by her mother, away up there on top of the world. And the child, Ralph Brown, and two-year-old Jean, a radioham about 100 miles in the MacMillan Arctic ship, Boston.

"Called on Santa today," said the radioham. "Not at home. No Santa Claus? Sure there's a Santa Claus."

BETL PLAY BASEBALL
WILKINSBURG, Pa., Sept. 18 (AP)—Bill McKenichie, manager of the Cardinals, must continue in baseball to his regret. He planned tonight the game if elected tax collector, but not without the publication primary.

THE WEATHER
Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Thursday but cloudy or foggy near the coast, moderate temperatures.

FOREST FIRE
CREWS GAIN
UPPER HAND

Major Conflagrations in Pacific Northwest are Under Control.

STEVENSON SAFE
OBSERVERS SAY

Lower Temperatures and Higher Humidity Help—California Situation Improves Today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 18 (AP)—Except for a few scattered minor fires, the Pacific northwest's battle against major forest fires, which have made a dozen families homeless, caused an estimated damage of \$1,000,000 and laid bare more than 75,000 timbered acres, passed into history today although hundreds of weary men maintained a constant vigil.

Observers at Stevenson, Wash., where fire fighting centered yesterday, were confident today that the town, which at one time was threatened by fires from three directions, was safe. Mrs. William Goepke, wife of the fire warden of Stevenson, told the Associated Press this morning that all danger was passed.

\$150,000 Mill Saved
Before the Stevenson blaze was controlled it consumed the hotel and general office building owned by Columbia River Timber company at Greenleaf, trunks and tracks of the Mt. Columbia Lumber company near Carson and cut logs valued at \$100,000. The \$150,000 Ryan-Allyn mill was saved.

Heavy dew, experienced in the Yaocit, Wash., district, where fire encircled the town and a puffing locomotive attached to a string of flat cars was held in readiness to race 250 residents to safety, aided materially in controlling the blaze. Community life settled back into routine at Yaocit, but guards remained on fire lines.

Around the Caringville, Wash., area (near some fire and supplies were being packed over the high road to fifty men who were fighting the Squaw mountain blaze.

Humidity Higher
The hottest spot on the La Deo (Continued on Page 5)

VAN PATTEN IS
FAVORED FOR
FEDERAL POST

ONTARIO, Ore., Sept. 18 (AP)—James T. Chinnock, Grants Pass, was elected president, Dr. W. L. Powers, Corvallis, secretary, and Harry Orr, Oregon, was selected as the next meeting place as the Oregon Reclamation congress ended the annual session here yesterday.

The congress adopted a resolution urging that the name of E. C. Van Patten, Ontario, be submitted by Governor Patterson to President Hoover as a possible member of the commission to study the public land policy and recommend changes.

Speakers, including R. E. Shepherd, Jerome, president of the Idaho chamber of commerce, Van Patten, and former senator Stanfield, Baker, Ore., stressed the necessity of further information before taking any steps committing Oregon to a position in the matter of surface rights on unappropriated public domain.

While problems of drainage and reclamation were discussed by many speakers, colonization was the chief subject.

TODAY'S
BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS CATCH PENNANT
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 18 (AP)—Pittsburgh lost its last hope for the National league pennant today when the Pirates lost to Boston, 5 to 4. In the first game of a doubleheader, The Pirates' defeat was enough to assure Chicago the league flag.

Score:
First game: R. H. E.
Boston 5 8 2
Pittsburgh 4 10 4
Batteries: Brandt and Gowdy; Spohrer, Kremer and Hensley.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
First game: R. H. E.
Cleveland 7 13 3
New York 6 13 4
Batteries: Miller, Holway and Jewell; Pennington, Zachary and Jergens, Dickey. (Ruth hits 45th homer.)