

LA GRANDE IS WELL KNOWN IN NORTHWEST

Municipal Improvements, Hotels, Schools all Factors in Recognition

UTAHAN SURPRISED AT SNOW REMOVAL

Many Official Delegations Visit La Grande From Other Cities to Inspect Plants.

La Grande has become one of the best known smaller cities in the Pacific Northwest—largely due to municipal improvements, modern hotel facilities, an attractive business section and the Eastern Oregon Normal school, as well as other and numerous factors.

Municipal improvements, in particular, have attracted a great deal of attention to this city, with numerous municipalities of the Inland Empire visiting here to inspect water and sewer systems, etc., during the last year or two.

Some Follow Local Lead Other cities are often following La Grande's lead. Portland purchased a flusher similar to the one here, some months after the city commission purchased and put into use the La Grande flusher.

Now the city's plan of keeping both sidewalks and streets clear of snow during the winter months by using tractor snowblowers is attracting considerable comment. Most of the newspapers in Oregon have printed stories about the sidewalk plow purchased here, and only a few days ago, a prominent visitor from one of the larger Utah cities, was agreeably surprised to find out a solution to snow problems.

He was visiting here and had occasion to talk with City Manager W. C. Crews. Municipal problems were under discussion, and the Utahian remarked that he supposed La Grande had its snow problems the same as other cities.

Surprises Utahian "Why, no," Mr. Crews replied. "We use tractors to plow both sidewalks and streets."

The visitor was surprised, and asked to see the equipment. Upon viewing the tractor and plow, he said Mr. Crews that upon his return he would immediately take up the matter with his city government.

This is only one of many cases. Official delegations from such cities as Walla Walla, Baker, Eugene, Lewiston and many others have come to La Grande at different times to inspect some local improvement.

Sewage Plant Noted The \$105,000 sewage disposal plant, located near the Old Oregon Trail highway as it enters La Grande from the east, has attracted probably more attention, it is said, than any other one municipal feature.

The water system, supplied from both Beaver Creek and two deep artesian wells, is the envy of many cities in the Northwest, which during exceedingly dry and exceedingly cold periods face oftentimes serious water shortage.

The admirable hotel facilities have served to acquaint a large number of people with La Grande, who formerly made it a point to go on through, stopping overnight elsewhere.

In turn the Normal school, besides bringing a large number of young people and faculty members here from all states, and nearly all states, has given the city a prominent place on the educational map.

Expect Big Tourist Movement With a large group of tourists expected over the Old Oregon trail during 1930, a number of whom will stop in Union and Walla Walla.

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FIREMEN AND GUESTS ENJOY CLAM DINNER

Some two score men, members of the La Grande fire department and their guests, including city officials, participated in the annual clam feed in the fire department rooms last night, serving beginning at 7 o'clock.

The menu, in addition to the clams, included crabs, ice cream, cake, coffee, clam broth, beer, beer, crackers, cheese, etc. There were no speeches, the event being purely an informal affair, which was declared to be one of the best ever held.

City officials present included the city commissioners, the manager and the city recorder.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—37 above. Minimum: 34.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 43, minimum 31 above.

Condition: rain .46 of inch.

WEATHER FEB. 1, 1930 Maximum 43, minimum 28 above.

Condition: rain .14 of inch.

Bucks Win From La Grande High Team, 35 to 24

Pendleton First Half Lead Too Great For Tigers to Overcome—Cove Here Tonight.

Displaying a superior offensive in the first half, an offense that also served as an adequate defense while it functioned, the Pendleton Buckaroos defeated the La Grande High school Tigers here last night 35 to 24 in an interesting, hard-fought contest. This was the only inter-district game scheduled for the local high school in La Grande this year, although the Tigers will go to Pendleton for a return contest next Friday. From here the Bucks journeyed on to Baker, for a game there tonight.

During the first period, the smooth-passing, shifty runny thrusters of the visitors made point getting comparatively easy, coupled with some accurate shots by Schenapp, who dropped in six field goals in the first half from the vicinity of the foul line. The score of the second period opened was 18 to 5. In this frame, the Tigers tightened up their defense somewhat, holding the Bucks to eight points while they gathered five.

Complete Reversal

The third period found a complete reversal of form, with the blue and white team holding the visitors to no field goals while they piled up nearly a dozen points, bringing the score to within striking distance. A hotly contested fourth quarter, led by Pendleton, however, led by Rosenberg, Temple and Schenapp, gave the Pendleton men eight points in the last quarter, and put the game on ice.

La Grande scored the opening basket, when Stodard found a nice one, but from then on was never ahead, the score reading 28 to 6 against the home team at one time during the first half.

Schenapp, Roe Hit

Both teams used nearly two full squads during the game, seeking a lineup that would perform smoothly and efficiently. Roe was high point man for La Grande with eight counters, with Nelson second with seven. Schenapp, sharp-shooting Buck guard, led for the Bucks.

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Mrs. Meserve Is Given Verdict In War Risk Case

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—Jurors in federal district court yesterday returned verdicts in favor of plaintiffs in war risk insurance trials heard before Judge McNary. Minnie D. Meserve, as administratrix of the estate of George B. Meserve, of La Grande, her husband, and as an individual, received benefits of a \$10,000 policy, which will pay her \$47.50 a month from the time of his discharge from the army. Leslie R. Riggs, ex-soldier, received similar benefits for the \$10,000 policy he held during his army service.

Another suit was filed yesterday, when Ralph W. Teeters asked for benefits from his \$10,000 policy. He enlisted April 9, 1917, and was discharged March 15, 1919, according to his complaint.

Four-Tenths Of An Inch of Rain Falls

Four-tenths of an inch of rain fell during last night, and with a drizzle continuing this morning, it was expected that the precipitation would reach half an inch or more before the day is over. This is the first rain of any consequence this year, and with the warmer weather, is helping to melt the 16 1/2 inches of snow that fell during this January. Compared with January, 1929, when the snowfall was over three feet, the snow last night was light.

The weather man predicts warmer weather next week, indicating that the present temperatures are not a belated January thaw, but are rather a general trend toward higher marks.

Grand Jury May Report Monday

The Union county grand jury, called into session Thursday, had adjourned today until Monday, due to the illness of District Attorney Carl Helm.

A report is expected Monday, which is the day set for the opening of the February term of circuit court.

Realty Committee To Help Chamber

To encourage increased acreage of apples and cherries in Union county, a realty board committee consisting of William Miller, George H. Cursey and Claude Berry, is working with a similar committee from the chamber of commerce, which was appointed at the realty board luncheon yesterday at the Sacajawea Inn. A. H. Hunter and A. W. Nelson, representatives from the chamber of commerce, were present.

SEEKS VOTE



First congressman to become a leader of wet forces in the house, Representative H. R. Norton, above, of New Jersey, introduced a resolution for a nationwide popular referendum on prohibition. She urged a poll of states, with the combined result to show the attitude of the entire country toward retaining or abolishing the Eighteenth Amendment.

CITY IS HOST TO COUNTY MASONS

More Than 100 Lodge Men Here Last Night for Banquet and Meeting.

Members of Masonic lodges in Union county met in special session Friday evening at the La Grande Masonic temple, in response to an invitation of La Grande Masons. The occasion was the conferring of the third degree upon a candidate by a selected team from the various lodges of Union county. More than 100 Masons were present. Light refreshments were served at the close of the session.

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Legion Loan Fund Board Will Meet

Election of officers was held at the recent meeting of the student loan fund board of the American Legion post, with Harley Richardson chosen chairman and Raymond O. Williams, secretary. Another meeting will be held Monday to formulate various rules for the board's adoption. At the former meeting the plans offered by the community service committee of the post were considered.

High School Youth Shoots Hoop Coach

STANTON, Ky., Feb. 1 (AP)—Ernest Byrd, 26, coach of the Stanton high school athletic team, was shot, probably fatally, by a youth to whom he refused admittance to a high school basketball game here last night. The shooting occurred shortly before the game was scheduled to begin.

Byrd was arrested on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. He would make no statement.

Jud Tankins

Jud Tankins says a man who takes himself too seriously is liable to wake up and discover he is one of the people who worry about trifles.—Washington Star.

PARK PLANS ARE VETOED, LETTERS SAY

Butler and Steiwer Write That Wallowa Project Meets Opposition.

WORD RECEIVED AT ENTERPRISE

Chief Objections to National Park Plan Listed—Wilderness Area Designated as One.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 1 (Special)—The United States park service is opposed to the establishment of a Wallowa national park, according to letters received here Thursday from Representative H. R. Butler and Senator Frederick Steiwer of Oregon. The letters, mailed from Washington, were received by Mr. Butler and by the Enterprise Record-Chiefman. Chief objections to naming the area as a national park, according to the letters, are that it contains no scenic grandeur, that it is not a regular tourist route, and that it is already designated as a wilderness area by the national forest which has the major part of the country under its jurisdiction.

The term wilderness area, it was pointed out, gives this land a status which requires that recreational uses shall have preference over all other uses.

The report on the park project, of which there is only one copy, is now on file in Washington, it is reported.

No official word of the vetoing of the Wallowa national park proposal has been received in La Grande. The action probably will delay the national park project for several years, although it will not be dropped, it is said.

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PRINCESS GETS DIVORCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP)—An interlocking degree of divorce was granted in Brooklyn supreme court today to the famous Princess Xenia of Russia, from her husband, William B. Lewis Jr., son of the late Tin Plate king.

Columbia, Willamette Rivers Open; Ice-Bound Communities Again Normal

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Lower Columbia River communities, which have been ice and snowbound for more than two weeks and suffered the discomforts of isolation, today returned to normalcy after the lighthouse tender Rose cracked a new water route through ice to Brookfield, Wash., and the Steamer Effin landed several tons of food and other needed commodities.

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RIVER CHANNEL OPENED

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—After being imprisoned in a solid pack of ice near Jennings Lodge for three weeks, the river steamer Robert Young was released last yesterday and passed through the government locks in the upper river.

The Willamette river channel is now open to navigation from Newberg to Jennings Lodge. No great danger is expected from the ice jam which blocked the remainder of the river.

KAY TO RUN, SALEM PAPER IS ADVISED

Official Announcement Not Made but Friends Say Die is Cast.

LAST OBSTACLE IS CLEARED AWAY

State Treasurer is Good Enough in Health to Make Gubernatorial Campaign, is Report.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Thos. B. Kay, state treasurer, will formally announce his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor during the coming week, the Capital Journal says in a signed article.

While Mr. Kay remains publicly silent on his political intentions, other than to state that he will announce his decision to run or not to run sometime next week, the Capital Journal is advised through sources recognized to be close to the state treasurer's counsel, that the die has been cast and that Mr. Kay is preparing to launch his campaign.

Health is Good

The last obstacle to Mr. Kay's admitted desire to seek the governorship has been, it is understood, swept away by the opinion of Portland specialists with whom he has been conferring during the past few days that he need fear no detrimental reactions to his health from the exertions of a campaign.

By reason of the success of operations undergone by Mr. Kay for a prolonged illness, the specialists, the Capital Journal is informed, have declared him "fit" and in better physical condition than for many years.

Two Killed, Five Hurt In Car Crash

SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 1 (AP)—Michael O'Keefe, 16, and John Turner, both of San Francisco, were killed and five others were more or less seriously injured early today when their automobile turned over at the Junction Mountain curve, two miles north of Mountain View. The occupants of the car were members of the St. James high school of San Francisco, returning from a basketball game at San Jose.

Dress Too Low In Back, Police Say

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP)—A Budapest dispatch to the New York Times today said Irene Paltasty, widely known European actress, was arrested by police as she left a Budapest theater because members of the audience protested that her dress was too low in the back.

HAS MOTHER ARRESTED

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (AP)—Old John Gander had his mother arrested because he believed that was the only way to keep the Gander home together.

He followed his mother to a speakeasy yesterday, then called police. Mrs. Gander, a woman companion, and a man were arrested.

Appearing before Judge John L. Lupe, the boy said: "I think you had better send my mother to the Bridewell. That may cure her."

WIFE FREEZES 75 FEET FROM WARM FIRESIDE

HOLLAND, Mich., Feb. 1 (AP)—Death came in cruel form last night to Mrs. Ethel Sulder, 59, wife of a farmer living near here. The woman froze to death within 75 feet of the fire which was blazing in her home, while her husband remained by her side, unable to save her.

The husband, Nicholas Mulder, 68, had gone early in the evening to the mail box, which is 75 feet from the house, down a steep grade. He fell and called for help. Mrs. Mulder went to him and, instead of getting him up, fell by his side. Neither was able to rise. Eventually Mulder managed to crawl to the house. There was no telephone, and he shouted again and again for help. Note came and he went back to his wife with blankets, with which he covered her.

Hours later a boarder, Ray Eomya, returned to the farm. He was able to lift the woman, but she was dead.

The coroner gave a verdict of death by freezing.

BUTTERMAKERS ELECT

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—The Oregon Buttermakers' association ended its nineteenth annual convention here yesterday with the election of L. S. Leach of Portland as president and Frank Hertzog of Mount Angel vice president.

O. Wheeler of Corvallis and L. B. Zeiner of Portland were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively.

MAKES DEBUT



Miss Clara Bolling, a niece of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, has just made her debut in Washington society. She is shown here in her latest picture. Prior to her marriage to the war-time president, Mrs. Wilson was Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, a widow.

GANGSTERS KILL THE "SQUAWKER"

Julius Rosenheim, Former Investigator, Shot to Death in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (AP)—Julius Rosenheim, 45, formerly an investigator for the Chicago crime commission was shot to death today by two men who stepped from an automobile to the sidewalk and fired six shots into his body. They escaped in the automobile, driven by a third man.

Boller said the shooting apparently was gangland's revenge upon the "squawker."

Through his work an undercover agent Rosenheim had gained a wide acquaintance with the shady side of Chicago and was reported to be one of the best informed men on the "Who's Who" of the racketeering, gambling, beer hauling world. For a time he gathered information for Frank J. Loesch when the latter was a special investigator.

Girl, 7, Burned To Death Early Today

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1 (AP)—Deva Gonzalez, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gonzalez, was burned to death early today in a fire of undetermined origin which destroyed the four-apartment flat in which the family resided.

Co-eds May Have To Give Up Pins

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Discovery of an Oregon law making it a crime for any person not a member of a fraternal society to wear the insignia of that organization, threatens in this state to end the custom of college youths who present coeds of their choice with fraternity pins.

Deadly Gas Used To Commit Suicide

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Carbon monoxide gas which seeped into a rented sedan through a 10-foot rubber hose, connected with the end of the exhaust pipe caused the death today of Eugene M. Baxter, 28, Portland, whose body was found in the automobile parked in an isolated section of the city.

Two notes, one of which apparently was written just before the ransom killed Baxter, were discovered in the sedan and prompted the coroner to pronounce it suicide.

AIRPLANE WRICK

According to word from the Observer correspondent at Meacham this afternoon, an airmail plane was wrecked there attempting to make a landing. The correspondent reported the plane damaged considerably but the occupants apparently unharmed. The local airport officials reported that they could not issue any news on the accident, as this would have to be done at the Portland office.

PAULINE SPENCER DIES RAINIER, Ore., Feb. 1 (AP)—Two days after her father was killed while racing to catch a stage for Oregon at Santa Maria, Cal., to reach the bedside of his sick daughter, Pauline Spencer, 19, died at her home here yesterday. The father was killed in an automobile collision.

Negro Beaten To Death In Georgia For Killing Girl

In Furiated Mob, After Taking Jimmy Irvine From Sheriff, Kills and Burns Slayer.

OCEILA, Ga., Feb. 1 (AP)—Jimmy Irvine, a negro accused of attacking and killing a 14-year-old white girl yesterday, was beaten to death and his body burned about 10 miles from here today by a crowd of several hundred persons who had taken him by force from Sheriff E. W. Tyler of Irwin county.

Irvine was captured at Mystic, Ga., after an all-night manhunt by Sheriff Tyler and his deputies. Bringing the negro to jail here today, the sheriff was accosted by a crowd in the center of Ocella. The crowd overpowered the sheriff, he said, in a struggle in which he was injured slightly.

Taken to Crime Scene

The negro then was taken to the place where the body of the girl, daughter of a prominent farmer, was found late yesterday.

Sheriff Tyler said the negro confessed the crime to him upon his capture.

Reports reaching here said that the mob slashed the negro with knives and beat him, after which a pyre was hastily constructed and the body placed on it. The heap of logs was saturated with gasoline and a match touched to it.

After the lynching the mob quietly dispersed.

14 Perish When Tugboat Sinks In Mexico Gulf

BAUMONT, Tex., Feb. 1 (AP)—Fourteen members of the crew of the tugboat Edgar E. Coney today were believed at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico with their boat. A radio message from the Standard Oil company tank ship a storm the tug went down in about 70 miles northeast of Port Arthur, Tex.

The report from the Liebre said the crew of a barge the tug was towing at the time of the disaster had been rescued. The Liebre was expected to dock here today.

The Edgar E. Coney, owned by the Eabine Towing company, left Port Arthur Tuesday morning for Mobile with a barge in tow. Twenty-four hours later the Liebre sighted the barge with a distress signal flying. From the rescued crew of the barge the fate of the tug was learned.

It was reported there were seven officers and seven sailors aboard the tug, but the names of only four were known at the tug company headquarters.

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CONFERENCE MUST BEGIN REAL LABORS

Two Weeks of Cautious Exploration Into Naval Questions at an End.

TUESDAY SESSION HELD IMPORTANT

Some One or More Concrete Proposals May Emerge Into the Light at Coming Meeting.

By Byron Price (Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Feb. 1 (AP)—After two weeks of cautious exploration through a thicket of generalities the five power naval conference stood today in the presence of its first challenge of concrete reality.

The time has come, those intimately associated with the meeting held, when someone soon must begin to talk in figures. What Colonel Henry L. Stimson, American delegation head, has called "clearing away the underbrush" is about complete.

The delegations have about talked themselves out in lofty phrase and idealistic appeal, these observers commented, and now the axe is to be laid in earnest to cutting away and limiting the growth of sea armaments.

Weekend of Respite

It is true the conference is not yet ready to hear proposals as to how many ships can be scrapped or as to how many must be built. Probably none but the principal delegates were concerning themselves at all with such actual matters today and left conference activities virtually at a standstill.

They may not even reach for some time the question of algebraic ratios as between greater and lesser navies. But they understand fully that they cannot much longer delay coming down to cases on some of the more remote but not less definite mathematical calculations involved inevitably in their labors.

Some one or more concrete proposals may emerge into light when the conference, sitting as a committee of the whole, assembles again Tuesday. They were not even touched upon at yesterday's meeting at which the only real business transacted was a tacit agreement that this serious task of formulating a navy measuring rod can be handled by the conference itself but not by special committees.

The Present Problem

At the present moment the problem of the conference is agreement on the physical methods of limiting war fleets. It is considering favorably a compromise plan offered by France providing a certain (as yet unnamed) total tonnage to be allotted to each nation, with each of these national allotments to be divided into, tentatively, so many tons for battleships, so many for cruisers, and so on through all classes of ships.

This allotment, however, would not be binding for it is proposed to permit each nation to transfer certain (as yet unnamed) percentages of the total tonnage of one class to the tonnage of another.

That is that the first actual numerical decision of the conference must be made on a point which the layman might regard as rather far removed from the vast international issues of the negotiations at London—what percentage of transfer will be permitted in this general and as yet nebulous scheme of limitation.

Expert Long Debate

The spokesman gathered here do not regard this decision lightly nor do they expect to agree among themselves about it without long and serious debate. So far no one has mentioned audibly how large he thinks the percentage should be. It has been whispered here and there about St. James' palace that ten per cent might be favored by some and sixteen per cent by