

OBSERVER FORMAL OPENING TOMORROW

PLANT WILL BE OPERATING FOR VISITORS

Building is Completed in Practically Every Detail at Present.

WORK BEGAN IN MONTH OF MARCH

W. Vedder General Contractor and New Observer Building Designed by Charles Miller.

The new Observer building is now completed, the staff is settled in its new home and the building will be opened formally to the public tomorrow, Friday evening, and all day Saturday. At that time the entire plant will be in operation for the benefit of visitors and they will be able to see all operations of newspaper making. The automatic telegraph printers will be in operation, cut making in progress, the new Duplex press will be running and other operations will be under way in the mechanical department.

Although there are some details to be cared for and some straightening around to be done after the opening, the building is complete in almost every detail. The work of W. Vedder, general contractor, was finished several days ago and the construction was carried on in record time. Actual work on the excavation was begun the middle of March and everything has moved smoothly and according to schedule. The opening of Saturday, June 21, was set two months ahead of time and the building was ready when the day arrived.

40 by 110 Feet
The building as a whole, which was designed by Charles B. Miller, local architect, is regarded by many people as one of the most attractive buildings in La Grande. It is 40 feet wide and 110 feet in depth with practically a two-story construction of brick and reinforced concrete. The mechanical floor has a nine foot ceiling and is four feet in the ground and five feet out. It has cement floor and all of the foundation concrete is waterproofed. There are two main

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LOCAL GUARD UNIT ARRIVES IN LA GRANDE

Company E, minus 10 members who remained over in Portland to extend their vacation period for a longer time, arrived in La Grande this morning about 9 o'clock on a troop train carrying the Eastern Oregon battalion of the 158th Infantry. Capt. E. W. Ely, U. S. A. instructor, accompanied the train to La Grande but Sergeant Ramsey is driving home. Capt. W. A. Bean is commanding officer of the La Grande unit of the Oregon national guard, and he reports the camp period at Camp Clatsop this year better, more beneficial and more pleasant to the men and officers than ever before. Weather conditions were very good.

The 50 men of the company left the train immediately, going to the armory, where most of them were dismissed, the captain retaining a group of sufficient size to assist with the unloading and assembling of equipment.

From here the troop train went on to Baker, the last stop of its Eastern Oregon journey.

BID ON HOT LAKE STRETCH
PORTLAND, Ore., June 26 (AP)—Bids on eight road and four bridge and building projects were opened today by the state highway commission. The eight lowest road bids totalled \$798,718 and the other four lowest bids amounted to \$25,141. Contracts will be awarded tonight. Bids included:

Union county—La Grande-Hot Lake section of Old Oregon Trail, 7.96 miles of roadbed widening and gravel shoulder construction, James Tobin & Son, of Clarkston, Wash., \$42,716.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—84 above.
Minimum: 57 above.
Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 78, minimum 45 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER JUNE 26, 1929
Maximum 80, minimum 51 above.
Condition: clear.

Front View Of The New Observer Building Facing Elm Street



The New Observer building, completed last weekend and occupied by the newspaper this week, is pictured above in a front view, taken from Elm street, which the new plant faces. The building, erected by the Evening Observer Publishing company, is one of the most modern newspaper homes in any city of comparable size in the Northwest. The front is of pressed brick, with handsome letterings across the top augmenting the general appearance. A arched window, with an ornamental iron balcony between, lend additional beauty to the front. The entrance leads to a stairway that opens into the business lobby. The two lower windows open, one into the "ad alley" in the composing room, and the other into the stereotyping department. The photograph is by H. J. Ritter.

Ed Meyersick Gravely Hurt During Morning

Ed Meyersick, 59-year-old carpenter of La Grande, was gravely injured about 9 o'clock this morning while at work at the J. C. Penney company building being erected by the Masonic association. Mr. Meyersick fell eight feet to the ground, striking on his head, the plunge fracturing the third cervical vertebrae.

His condition early this afternoon was very grave. He is paralyzed from his shoulders down.

State Committee Invited to Hold Its Caucus Here

On behalf of the Union county republican central committee, of which he is chairman, J. H. Pearce has invited the state committee to

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Cornell Winner Of Junior Crew Race

REGATTA COURSE, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 26 (AP)—Cornell won the three-mile junior varsity race in the intercollegiate rowing regatta today.

Washington finished second and Columbia third in a field of six crews.

Cornell's winning time for the three miles was 16:35. Washington's 17:00 1-5 and Columbia 17:11.

Allow Cities To Buy Shoals Power
WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—By a vote of 53 to nothing the senate today went on record in favor of the government selling power at Muscle Shoals to municipalities on the same basis as it is sold to private power companies.

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION HERE

Much of Morning Spent Inspecting Eastern Oregon Normal School.
Members of the state board of higher education arrived in La Grande this morning and spent a

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Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 26 (AP)—Advancing prices in the wheat market today led to gains of 4 1/2c a bushel as compared with yesterday's finish. Reported moves to have the federal farm board extend stabilization operations to include this season's crops were associated with the upward swing.

Later Canadian advices said in some districts the need of rain is urgent, and crops are daily going backward, with much damage already beyond repair.

Reactions from the day's top prices occurred in the final dealings, and wheat closed unsettled 2 1/2-3 1/2c a bushel over yesterday's finish. Corn closed 3/4c up, oats unchanged to 1/4c advanced, and provisions showing 7-32c gain.

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Wheat Shipment At Large, Figure

PORTLAND, Ore., June 26 (AP)—The merchant exchange said today that shipments of wheat so far this month have exceeded the total for the entire month of June last year. From Portland, so far this month, 1,41,155 bushels have been sent to the Orient, Europe and South America with five cereal days left to swell that total. But 1,059,295 bushels were sent from Portland in June 1929.

With a larger June total in the export trade in wheat, the 1928-1929 cereal season figure of 22,388,333 bushels may be bettered.

Gas Franchise Ordinance Drawn Up; Will be Published; Hearing Dated

Machinery was put under way at last night's city commission meeting which is expected to culminate in the granting of a franchise to the Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon. An ordinance was presented to the city commission, discussed thoroughly, and the city recorder was given authority to publish this ordinance in The Observer. Twenty days after the first publication of the ordinance, a public hearing will be held, with first reading scheduled to take place about that time. If no one objects to the proposed ordinance

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"Southern Cross" En Route To New York From Harbor Grace, N. F., Today

HARBOR GRACE, N. F., June 26 (AP)—The sky trail to New York was resumed today by Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith and his three flight companions of the world-girdling airplane Southern Cross. The plane made a perfect takeoff at daybreak.

Prevented by blinding fog and compass trouble from completing an Ireland-New York hop and landing here with barely enough petrol to wet her tanks, the veteran plane was in the air again within 20 hours after completing

a hop from Ireland. It hopped off at 2:05 a. m. E. S. T. (5:35 a. m. Newfoundland daylight saving time).

Captain Kingsford-Smith had 400 gallons of petrol and 12 gallons of oil put into the tanks yesterday in preparation for today's hop. The wind was favorable.

The fliers arrived at the airport a half hour before the takeoff and went immediately to the plane. Lunch was put aboard and the

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HUNTER BOYS AT 358-HOUR MARK

Must Keep Airplane in Sky Until After 6 O'clock Sunday Morning.
CHICAGO, June 26 (AP)—The four flying Hunter boys of Sparta, Ill., staked virtually all their money on an airplane endurance flight which, if it is continued, will surpass the record at 6:01 o'clock next Sunday morning. At 2:40 p. m. today the plane had been in the air 358 hours.

Walter, the eldest, said they had pooled their funds, expecting to realize at least \$200,000 if the flight was successful.

Smooth sailing that had marked the flight for two grueling weeks

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FRENCH FLAG LOWERED OVER GERMAN AREA

THREVEN, Germany, June 26 (AP)—The tricolor of France today was lowered from the headquarters of General Patols, commander of the forces of occupation, and the last French troops in this district entrained for home.

MAYENCE, Germany, June 26 (AP)—The French military tribunal was dissolved today and the possession of occupied buildings was handed over to the German authorities.

KEHL, Baden, Germany, June 26 (AP)—The Gallie rooster erected by the Paris Press association as a symbol of triumph on the bridge uniting Strasbourg with Kehl was removed today on the eve of the end of French occupation of the Rhineland.

The French commander Brion today took leave of the German authorities, the last of the French troops will quit this important bridgehead Saturday.

Unemployment In One-Fourth U. S. Is 574,647

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—Unemployment figures issued by the census bureau today indicated that 574,647 persons were out of work in April in territory comprising approximately a fourth of the country, with an estimated population of 29,264,439.

These were the first figures issued by the government as the result of the data on unemployment gathered during the present census.

Secretary Lamont said they indicated much less unemployment than was generally estimated.

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No Dark Horses Appear In North Dakota Primary

FARGO, N. Dak., June 26 (AP)—North Dakota's three congressmen and Governor George F. Shafer early today had good leads forrenomination on the republican ticket for their respective offices as returns were reported from precincts scattered over the entire state in yesterday's primary election.

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Harry C. Stutz Dead In Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS, June 26 (AP)—Harry C. Stutz, widely known automobile designer and manufacturer, died here today from complications which followed an operation for appendicitis. He was 53 years old.

Inventions which improved rear axles of automobiles won Stutz his first recognition in automotive circles. He entered a car bearing his name in the first 500-mile race here in 1911 and it finished eleventh.

HOOVER VETO IS SUSTAINED BY CONGRESS

Consideration of Substitute Legislation Begins in the House

VETERANS BILL IS HELD UNJUST

President Sends Lengthy Message — Snell Introduces Resolution For New Measure.

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—After sustaining a veto of its first bill for relief of world war veterans, the house today passed a substitute measure designed to overcome President Hoover's objection to the original.

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—The house sustained President Hoover today in vetoing the world war veterans' relief bill.

Consideration of substitute legislation designed to overcome Mr. Hoover's objections to the original measure began immediately.

In his veto message the president again protested the bill sent to him was unjust both to the veterans and the taxpayers. He said he wanted a square deal between veterans—no unjust discrimination—between special groups. The lengthy veto message reached the house at 1:21 p. m. and enough votes to assure its being sustained had been cast at 1:45 p. m.

To Draft New Bill
Steps were taken in the house today to guarantee immediate consideration of a bill to substitute for the world war veterans relief measure to be vetoed by President Hoover.

Chairman Snell of the rules committee introduced a resolution to give a substitute for the Johnson-Rankin veterans bill the right of way after the house acted on the president's veto.

Debate on the resolution was expected to take about an hour but its adoption seemed assured.

By 277 to 139 the house adopted the Snell resolution for consideration of a new bill as soon as the veto had been voted on.

The vote for upholding the president was 188 to 182.

A two-thirds vote would have been necessary to override Mr. Hoover.

Republicans Cheer
The republicans, who had gained a pledge of 154 votes to sustain the veto, jumped from their seats and shouted and cheered when the veto was announced by Speaker Longworth. The majority which came as a big surprise, caused a round of hand-shaking among the republicans.

House leaders estimate the substitute bill, would call for an estimated expenditure of \$50,000,000 for the 1931 fiscal year. The president said the bill vetoed would have cost approximately \$181,000,000.

The substitute would take care of 25 veterans whose disability is 25 per cent in amounts ranging

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IOWA MARSHAL AND SHERIFF SHOT TO DEATH

WASHINGTON, Iowa, June 26 (AP)—Sheriff Fred Sweet, of Washington county, and night Marshal Aaron Bailey were shot and killed early today by an automobile thief they had arrested.

The thief was taken to Sheriff Sweet's office and questioned. When the sheriff started to search him preparatory to locking him up, the prisoner threw him aside, drew a pistol and shot Marshal Bailey dead. He then emptied the weapon at the sheriff, four bullets striking the body and a fifth entering the eye.

The thief eluded another officer who shot at him as he fled.

He stole another car and drove out of town.

RELATIVES IN LA GRANDE
Marshal Bailey is a cousin of Miss Mabel E. Morton's mother, Miss Morton is valley news editor of The Observer.

HUNTERS PETITION GOVERNOR
PORTLAND, Ore., June 26—(AP)—The governor today received a copy of a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the chamber of commerce which asked the executive not to close the Oregon forests to hunting during the first season without convening a conference of state foresters and representatives of sportsmen's organizations.