

J. Melville Has One Of Pioneer Business Firms

The owner of one of the oldest business houses in this city is J. Melville, who is doing the sheet metal work for the new Observer building. Thirty-five years ago he came to La Grande from California, where he had wandered from his home in Milwaukee, Wis. where he originally learned his trade as a plumber.

In 1895 when he started his business as a plumber, he was a one-man shop. Now it has built up until sometimes 25 men are employed. The business was a general one and grew until in 1917 he started the present store and apartment building on Adams street, where he conducts his business affairs, which include plumbing and heating, sheet metal work, selling art goods, household hardware, kitchen ware, lamps, etc.

Some of the largest plumbing jobs contracted by Mr. Melville include the work for the Grace building, the Burdette inn, and the new Simpson school, two of the schools, etc.

Before coming to his business as a plumber, Mr. Melville was employed in several positions, one in a mercantile store, another time in a hardware shop, and a few more years were spent in the employ of the G.W.

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Church and Southern Pacific, and J. L. Meyers was then assistant publisher, William M. Ferguson chief editor and stock clerk, H. L. Anderson, bookkeeper, and J. W. Moore's store.

The opening item in the editorial column told of the birth of the daily paper, but it was brief and without embellishments. The next item gave one at length into the main news of the day—"The Observer will make an especial effort to lay before its readers comprehensive news during the coming session of Congress."

Further down the column one finds that freight rates even then were protested, Congressman Ellis was noted for his failure to make a speech in Congress for some time, and he was urged to talk on freight rates. The Observer kindly giving him the subject.

Local News Items

There were a few items largely to local news in brief, statistics and advertising. One item said that F. C. Hamilton would move his home shop to La Grande from Walla Walla county, another said Justice Van Houten's court had been busy the last few days. Five citizens of Markey made final proof on their homesteads. Another item called attention to the fact that "our real estate men are all busy buying. One thing can be said, however, that La Grande has no cut-throat real estate firms. All are well known, legitimate business men."

Other items follow:

"Vanhook is quite common on our streets."

"H. H. Hawthorn received a check of \$100 yesterday."

"Truman DeLong, until recently foreman on the Lake County Highway, has accepted a position on The Observer."

"The good people in the Red Pepper school district have a very entertaining and instructive literary society that meets every Saturday evening."

"John Fowler and wife, of this city, spent a day in La Grande last week."

"Lorenz has organized a football team."

"James Woodard, the Hamersville farmer, was in La Grande one day last week."

"Gals are reported scarce."

"Mrs. J. B. Eaton opened the new Coyle hotel Thanksgiving day."

"Marshall Childers was busy riding the city of horses yesterday."

"The Friday evening meeting which is well attended every week at the Valley school house."

"Mrs. J. D. McKennon has the diphtheria."

"Uncle James Reynolds has just returned from the Pumpkin Ridge where he has been superintending the parking of apples for John E. Hough the apple buyer."

Advertisements on page three were by T. N. Murphy, hardware and crockery dealer; A. P. Ivie, department store; the L. X. L. store, and the Farmers and Traders National bank. Directors of the bank were: J. H. Hinchey, George Acheson, Joseph Palmer, F. D. McCully and J. W. Scriber.

The last page was made up of advertisements, legal notices and articles. J. C. Henry's furniture store was re-estimated, also C. J. Melvin and William H. Sargent.

It is notable that there were no saloon or whiskey advertisements in the first issue of The Observer.

NEW BACTERIA MAY HELP IN WAR AGAINST SNAKES

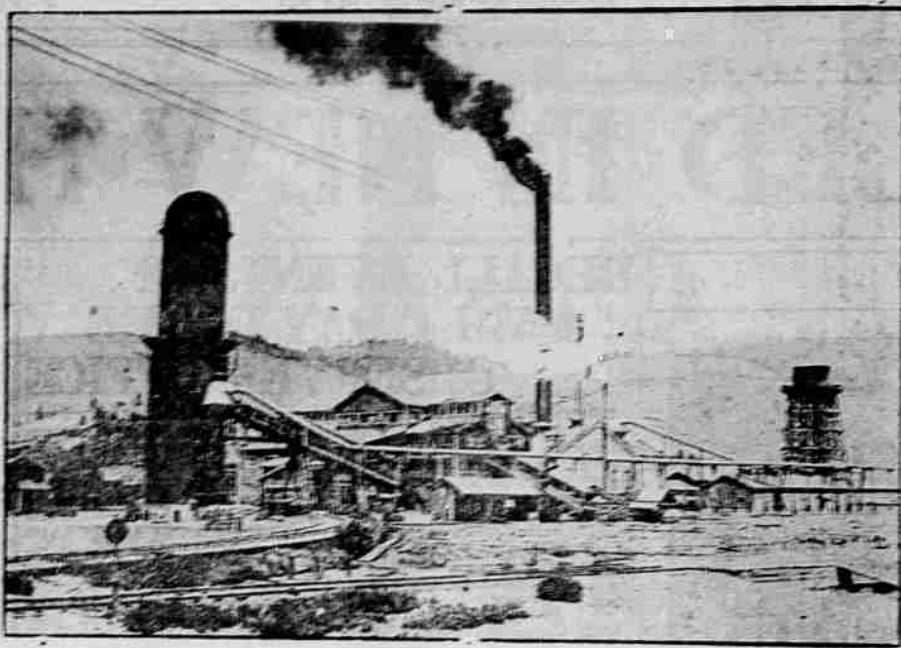
AMES, Iowa (AP)—A strange bacteria type, which seems deadly to poisonous snakes is being studied by bacteriologists at Iowa state college.

Some time ago all the poisonous snakes used in experimental work at the University of Minnesota died mysteriously. Roger Falick, a graduate student in bacteriology, has been endeavoring to discover and grow cultures of the bacteria which caused the disease.

Metals Show Variation

ST. LOUIS (AP)—UNDER H. Evans of Cambridge University reports to the American Electrochemical society that metals may vary both chemically and physically on the surface of one piece.

THE BOWMAN-HICKS LUMBER MILL



The Bowman-Hicks Lumber company mill, pictured above, is one of La Grande's large industrial plants. It is situated near the edge of the city and is one of the big contributing factors to La Grande's present growth and prosperity.

Use Of Boats In Deschutes Scored

THE FALLS, Ore. (AP)—Fishing organizations and individuals interested in the conservation of public trout in noted streams through the state have declared war on the use of boats in the Deschutes river.

It was reported that former operators of boats on the McKinnon river have moving their boats to the Crooked river and they are being used to find 12 miles down to Deschutes.

Mid-West Wins Most Of Firsts

(CHICAGO, AP)—While the track performers from the Pacific coast ran along with the midwesterners in the midwesterner's hands from the middle-west, midwesterners won first and second places.

Edward Grace won the middle distance, and all to the coast. Seven seconds were gained by central state colleges, four by the Pacific states. The west had one first.

Better balanced squads represented the three coast schools that finished first, second and third. Southern California, Stanford and Washington.

Charles E. Barker, athletic director of the University of Minnesota, attributes the midwesterner's success to middle-western and eastern track teams to the increasing popularity of relay carbide.

Relays are used on relay teams who must win points in individual events, he said. They are held out of individual events.

"COSMIC FORCE" IS NEW OGDON BELIEF

DELAWARE, O. (AP)—"Cosmic force," a new religious movement believed to be and is believed by Dr. Martin T. Ogdon, director of the Ogdon laboratory here, to be the foundation of the new religion.

Dr. Ogdon is endeavoring to demonstrate how close the "fog" approaches the earth.

The word's origin, he thinks, is the light reflected from a cloud of the "fog" which is reflected by dust particles which then become visible.

While struggling plastered Frank, in White, the Montana blacksmith, all over the ring three times, but White always went free.

Virgil Gove, Virginia Military Institute's 157-pound football center, won the Porter cup awarded to the best all-around athlete at the institution. Gove also played basketball and baseball.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, declared in pre-season predictions to be easy against left-handed pitching, have defeated practically every southpaw to face them.

Food Element Revealed as Poison To Kidneys by Michigan Scientist

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—"Crystalline, a little known food element in proteins, shows in some animals experiments at the University of Michigan, four harmful foods may become deadly poisons."

This substance is white and crystalline, one of the amino acids in meats and other protein foods. It has been fed to rats by Prof. L. M. Newburgh, in the study of causes of nephritis, a disease of the kidneys.

He found, as did Lafayette Mendel, that it is a necessary part of the diet. An insufficient diet leads to them. But it could also be a poison, and he found that his efforts depended altogether on the amount eaten.

When it was reduced to three parts in ten thousand of the diet, the rats failed to grow well. But this amount was just right for health.

Science Explains Mental Clockwork Listen For Tremor In Call of Cricket

WASHINGTON (AP)—When a person goes to bed with his mind fixed on nothing up at a certain time the next morning he often awakes at that time without the aid of an alarm clock.

This is one of the mysteries of sleep explained by Dr. Otto Kauders, American neurologist.

When you dream, Dr. Kauders says, the player is dividing into three or four persons.

There is the walking eye, the dream eye, and the sleep eye. The latter is unconscious. The second is semi-conscious with a sort of uncontrolled contact with the outside world which results in vivid images, lovely dreams and horrible nightmares.

But the first has a "soul," plays with and keeps watch.

In a dream, Dr. Kauders says, the brain and all of its faculties are awake. It works the dreamer and awakens the sleeper when all three become one person again, ready to go to bed.

Before sleeping up for the night, Dr. Kauders says the whole personality, acting as a pump, commences, gives the watches their special orders. Such would be the order is awakened the others at a certain time.

Harry White, University of Washington, yesterday held in the Cleveland Indians this summer, batted .416 in the Pacific Coast conference baseball game.

Two men tied for second place in the high jump at the last national collegiate track meet at Chicago.

Mrs. Halbert S. Clark, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, winner of the trans-Mississippi golf title, has been playing seven years.

Associated Press Photo

ADVENTUROUS CREW TO SAIL 'ROUND THE WORLD



This sturdy crew of Chicagoans will man the 45-foot schooner, Swordfish, when they put out from Chicago in search of adventure in distant ports. They plan a three years tour around the world. Left to right: Buck Evans, captain; his brother, Paul; Mrs. Lenore Cook and Donald Dickson. A fifth member, Robert H. Cook, not shown in the picture, will complete the party.

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