

Talbot Wires The Observer's New Building

A year ago last March, C. V. Talbot, who did the wiring for the Observer building, again started in the electrical business for himself, this time alone. Three years ago, in 1927, he had started the Electric Service store in partnership with H. A. Helvey, but his firm was sold to Harry Williams.

For 15 years, Mr. Talbot has been an electrician, beginning his training when he was employed by a power company in Kansas. Seven years ago in August he came over from Dodge City, Kan. just for a change in location, and decided to make his home here.

Usually he employs about two other workers, besides his own work, but on larger jobs such as the Macjones 12th or the State highway shops he has about five men working for him; while doing the wiring for the remodeled high school he had three in addition to himself.

Other jobs he has done include the hospital annex, the installation of the first pump motor for the new city dump and the wiring for the Crystal plunge swimming pool.

GRAVE DIGGING TAUGHT BY HARVARD SCIENTISTS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—A laboratory in prehistoric burial, with earthen graves as working tools, has been established in the basement of Peabody Museum at Harvard university.

It is the newest thing in training young men for one of the most painstaking tasks, digging up safely the fragile records of men who lived thousands of years ago. In the basement laboratory, in two boxes filled level with earth, each seven feet square, experienced anthropologists lay out typical prehistoric graves of stone age men.

In them are fossilized bones of primitive men. About these are duplicates of the priceless utensils, some broken, others intact, disposed as friendly hands once laid them. All is covered with earth.

The student anthropologist then digs them up, learning how to be careful and how to detect the positions where such relics are most likely to be found.

SCIENTISTS SEEK PRETTY FISH ON REMOTE ISLAND

CHICAGO (AP)—An expedition to Atitaki, a remote island of the Pacific ocean, has been organized by the Field museum. Scientists led by Philip M. Chantrelor, of Santa Barbara, Cal., will collect beautiful fish which abound around the coral reefs of the island.

Rarely has a white man set foot in the island. It is populated by a few natives whose lives are unmodified by civilization. Underwater pictures, both motion and still, will be made.

Hugo Bezdek of Penn State, will retire from active coaching this year.



My Girl
My girl has eyes like stars—
linking.
Teeth like pearls—hard to find.
Mouth like Cupid's bow—
always shooting off.
Ears like shells—
wrinkled like walnut shells.
Cheeks like peach blossoms—
they soon fade.
Neck like a swan—
rather long and ungainly.
A voice like the sound of many waters—
a kind of roar.
A smile like sunshine—
intended to dazzle.
Pencil-like eyebrows—
a carpenter's pencil.

The word "Chicago" it is said, is an Indian word and means "wild onion." Some enemies of this great city will be mean enough to say, "No wonder the odor."

Old Maid—So the waiter says to me, "How would you like your soup?"

Neighbor—Yes, yes, go on.
Old Maid—So I say, wistfully, "Thrown at me, big boy."

Daughter's idea of a room that reflects her personality properly is one lined with mirrors.

Man—When I was a little boy one day I didn't tell lies.
Son—How old were you when you started, Pop?

We had heard of the girl that they called Arrow because she uttered before every breath, but just met the one called Sprinter because she was fast on every lap.

Efficiency expects any office less than millions of dollars of use each year rousing their backs. That's rubbing it in, so speak.

Two Irishmen were excavating a new building when an interested spectator asked: "Spectator—How is it, Mike, although you and Pat started work together, he has a bigger pile of dirt than you?"
Mike—Sure, he's digging a bigger hole.

Joseph—I had a funny experience with a fat girl last night.
Paul—How's that?
Joseph—We were sitting in the park and I thought we were necking, but all the time I had hold of her arm.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS WIRE NEWS SERVES OBSERVER

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Observer office for use when news developments demand.

Printers Attract Attention
Perhaps the most marvelous of the Associated Press equipment are the "printers," the automatic telegraph machines which were installed in The Observer office a little less than two years ago.

They were put into service in The Observer office on Adams avenue on July 3 and given a practice run of a week before the telegraph operator's machine was taken out of the news room on July 16, when the regular automatic run began.

Previous to this the telegraph operator had served the newspaper from March 1, 1925, before which time news from the outside world came into La Grande over the Western Union wires.

The "printer" as it is familiarly called in the newspaper world, operates from 7 to 3 o'clock each week day pounding out copy at the rate of from 30 to 35 words a minute, ranging from the few-word bulletin to the "lead" stories of 300 to 400 words.

The machine, furnished by the Bell company, is a complicated apparatus—a combination typewriter receiver—so synchronized with the sending apparatus in Portland and Salem that impulses in the two cities are typed almost simultaneously. It prints out the Associated Press report without any

O.-W. SHOPS IN DISTANCE



The above picture shows a part of the La Grande business section and in the distance is a view of the second division shops of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company.

human aid in the receiving office, all that is necessary toward its operation locally being the turning on of the "juice" at 7 o'clock. Approximately 20 or 100 feet of copy is turned out each eight hours. In other words, a week's report of finely typed Associated Press leased wire reports, would be around 200 yards in length.

The addition of the automatic printers augmented The Observer's news service approximately 50 per cent, allowing its readers a much wider scope of state, national and international news.

The teletype machine is one of the marvels of a wonderful mechanical age. It is operated by means of electrical impulses sent over the wire from sending machine to the receiving machines. These pulses are transmitted through perforated tape, as the tape goes through the sending machine the pulses put the receiving machine in operation. All the functions of a typewriter, including selection of letters, figures and other characters of the keyboard, shifting of the carriage and feeding of the paper are performed by these machines with accuracy of

human intelligence.

The Observer has two of the machines, each operating on alternate days, although both are started each morning in order to see if all is well with them. In case of trouble with one of the printers, the other is immediately switched on and the service goes on uninterrupted. On special occasions when two copies of the news report is desired, both are run on the same loop. At other times, when heavy news volume is demanded in a short time, one printer may be run on one loop and the other on another, giving The Observer double service. Occasionally, when wire trouble halts the service for awhile, the "repeat" for La Grande comes in on one machine while the regular report is coming in on the other. This arrangement coupled with the fact that loops may be hooked in either east or west of La Grande in a few minutes, assures the newspaper of almost uninterrupted service each day barring a storm of major proportions that might tear down wires both east and west of the city—which would be extremely unlikely.

In Enclosed Room

The two printers in The Observer's new plant are in a specially built room, with sliding windows as well as regular means of entrance. They are directly behind the city editor's desk so that he has free access to them when desired. The sliding windows also allow cutting off of noise when quiet is desired.

The machines are serviced weekly by men from the West Coast Telephone company who have had special training in this variety of work.

BUILDING

PLASTERING

(One of the Builders' Arts)

IN THE NEW

Observer Plant

THE WORK OF

HARRY HOFFMAN

SINCE 1913

All business buildings in La Grande except 3—
La Grande Hotel—High School—Court House—
all have been plastered by Harry Hoffman "of course."

More Building Brings Prosperity!

The New Observer Plant

Is More Evidence of La Grande's Prosperity

THE PLUMBING INSTALLATION

Of This Spacious, Modern Newspaper Home

DONE BY

NATE ZWEIFEL

PLUMBING — HEATING AND SANITARY ENGINEER

MODERN OIL HEAT

PALMER WATER LIFTERS

For Irrigating

Fairbanks-Morse HOME WATER SYSTEMS

LENNOX STEEL FURNACES