

## GAS COMPANY IS READY TO ENTER CITY

### Construction of Plant Expected to Start in the Near Future.

## SHIPPING PIPE TO LA GRANDE

### Final Action to be Taken on Franchise August 27 — 90 Days in Which to Build.

With a franchise nearly assured, the Natural Gas Corporation of Oregon is making plans to enter La Grande and erect an attractive mission type building to house the gas equipment.

This was announced by R. E. Aitchison, vice president of the corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Pacific Public Service company, which is controlled by the Standard Oil company of California.

A week ago tonight the city commission voted to extend the time limit for building the first unit 30 days, thus giving the corporation 90 days in which to complete the construction of its plant, which it was previously announced would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, including costs of installing mains, etc. The original plan was to have the unit completed before the first of the year, but with the time extension, the plant may not be in operation until early in 1931.

## Demand More Than Expected.

The reason for the desire for an extension of time, it was stated last week, was because the demand for gas here was greater than expected, necessitating the installation of a larger first unit than had been anticipated.

The franchise ordinance is up for a third and final reading in the city commission on Tuesday night, Aug. 27, and if passed, it will become effective on Sept. 27. The 90-day time limit begins with Sept. 28 and, in case of unavoidable delays, could be extended by the commission.

According to Mr. Aitchison, the liquefied natural gas which will be served by the plant is from a manufactured gas in that no dirt or soot comes from the plant. In discussing the bringing of the gas to La Grande, he stated: "We are pleased to announce that the service will be given La Grande in the near future. Gas service has been a little slow in coming but its arrival here is coincident with the best development of liquefied natural gas."

The streets where the gas mains will be installed have not been determined. This will be made by representatives of the corporations to home-owners to ascertain how many want gas service. The engineers will then map out the distribution system in accordance with the requirements. Retail offices will also be established by the corporation.

Extensive preparations are under way for the construction of the distribution system.

## CLINT HAYNES TOOK COP JOB 10 YEARS AGO

Ten years ago today Clint Haynes arrived in La Grande from Enterprise, where he was employed by the Eastern Oregon Lumber company. He had quit his job at Enterprise and was en route to Baker. But while he was here, Police Chief Roy Flexer — appointed just four days before — talked Clint into becoming a policeman, and that night at 7 o'clock, he went to work.

Tonight at 7 will be just 10 years since he donned the badge of a peace officer in La Grande. His duties have been fairly rapid. In July, 1922 he became chief of police, and a few years ago, when the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers' Co-operative association was organized, he was largely due to Clint — he was elected president, a position he still holds.

Although he was working in Enterprise, Clint's home was in La Grande, and that was one of the chief factors that entered into his accepting the job as policeman.

## WALLA WALLA 15,725

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 20.—The official population for 1930 is 15,725.

Revised figures released by the census bureau this morning showed this city to have gained 222 in population since the 1920 census and reversed the trend which was shown by the unofficial count announced by the district supervisor here.

Nearly 4,000 persons reside in Walla Walla as shown by the government's official count. The preliminary total was 14,752. Some of the bureau at Washington had picked up 27 more residents for the city, not enumerated through the local office.

## Eastern Oregon Medics To Meet At Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 20 (Special)—Doctors from Umatilla, Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Union, Wasco and Wheeler counties will gather here on Wednesday, August 27, for the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon Medical society, in the Elks club building.

The sessions will open at 10 a. m. and on the program are Dr. John H. Fitzgibbon, Dr. Frank R. Menne, Dr. M. B. Bissell, Dr. R. B. Dilworth, Dr. R. E. Watkins and Clyde G. Foley. The governor and Dr. J. Tate Mason of Seattle, Clyde Foley is executive secretary of the Oregon State Medical society.

The sessions will close with a banquet at 7 p. m. at the Elks club, to which doctors and their ladies have been invited.

## Cullen Speaks At Rotary Luncheon

Max O. Cullen, of La Grande, who is a representative of the National Livestock and Meat board, was the speaker at the Rotary luncheon today at noon at the La Grande hotel, and during his talk, cut up his carcass into popular cuts. He handled the knife with the skill of an artist while talking with the skill of a politician. His mother and sisters were there to hear him give his demonstration talk.

Mr. Cullen, who conducts demonstrations throughout the country, is here on a vacation visit.

## ESTER LAVONE LEWIS DIES

Ester Lavone Lewis, who passed away at Hot Lake after a short illness, will be laid to rest Friday afternoon after funeral services at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. Death came this morning about 11 o'clock.

She was born at Johnson, Wash., July 14, 1911, and leaves, besides her husband Glen Lewis, a father, mother, one sister and one brother.

## WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—56 above.  
Minimum: 53 above.  
Condition: partly cloudy.

## WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 80, minimum 54 above.  
Condition: partly cloudy, rain 20 of inch.

## WEATHER AUG. 20, 1929

Maximum 84, minimum 44 above.  
Condition: clear.

## Whitney's Wife Is Mentioned In Bribery Trial

### Hubbard Continues Testimony in Seattle — Tells of Frequent Visits to Whitney Home.

SEATTLE, Aug. 20 (AP)—Mrs. William Whitney, wife of the principal defendant in the Lyle-Whitney liquor conspiracy case here, knew of Albert M. Hubbard's bootlegging activities while he was introduced as a prohibition agent, Hubbard testified in federal court here today. Hubbard said Mrs. Whitney had typed some of his case reports.

Many of the reports, Hubbard said, had been altered by Whitney before being put into their final form.

—Did Mrs. Whitney ever receive any money from you?  
A—No.

—Did you ever pay Mr. Whitney any money in the presence of Mrs. Whitney?  
A—No.

Case Reports Introduced  
Two case reports, one typewritten and one in Hubbard's handwriting, but identical in wording, were introduced as evidence by the defense. Whitney had not changed all of the reports, but that most of them had been altered.

Hubbard testified that he had visited the Whitney home almost every night while working as a government agent, explaining that he went there to work up case reports and memorize the testimony.

—Did you recite your memory lessons to Mr. Whitney at his home in the evenings?  
A—No, I had to learn what I was going to testify.

—Have you memorized your testimony in this case?  
A—No.

—Can you then be not making a recital?  
A—No.

A case report, signed by Hubbard and dated January 24, 1926, was introduced as evidence by the defense. It contained Hubbard's testimony of several days ago that Roy Olmsted, Pacific northwest rum king, had "planted" him in the prohibition office to spy on the activities of Roy C. Lyle, prohibition administrator.

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## Official 1930 Population of Oregon 952,601

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Portland was given a new total of 301,890, an increase of 43,902, or 16.9 per cent, and Medford, 10,887, an increase of 9,091, or 84.3 per cent.

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## Business Leader Gravely Hurt In Auto-Bus Wreck

### Vice President of Armour Co. May Die — Arctic Explorer Killed in Cresco, Iowa.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20 (AP)—G. M. Willets, vice president of Armour & Co., was injured perhaps fatally and 20 passengers of a Greyhound Lines bus from Kalamazoo, Mich., to Chicago were shaken up in a collision between the bus and Willet's automobile on South Parkway today.

Willets is 60 years old. His skull is believed to have been fractured. The collision resulted when the Willet's chauffeur made a left turn in the path of the bus. None of the bus passengers was injured severely enough to require medical attention.

A Berger of Chicago, driver of the bus, was held for questioning pending outcome of Willet's injuries.

## EXPLODER KILLED

CRESO, Iowa, Aug. 20 (AP)—Sigurd Christian Gummundson, Arctic explorer and lecturer, was dead today, the victim of an automobile accident.

After braving hundreds of dangers in the frozen north, rescuing an ice-bound ship at one time at the risk of his life, and escaping from a death sentence in the hands of Russian revolutionists, the explorer, who was 48 years old, met death when a tire on an automobile in which he was riding blew out and overturned the car.

With Gummundson when the accident occurred were Flor B. Zapata, 27, Filipino student at the Kansas state college, also fatally injured; Jack Randall, Kansas City, seriously injured; and two other Filipino students who escaped unhurt. All men were members of a chaquetau troupe.

The explorer, a friend of Vilhjalmur Stefansson and Roald Amundsen, resided in Wenatchee, Wash., and is survived by his widow and several small children.

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## OREGONIANS ASK HOOVER FOR RELIEF

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SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20 (AP)—President Hoover is asked, in a telegram sent today, to take steps to relieve a condition which is said, threatens disaster to hundreds of families in Central Oregon and an irreparable loss to that district, due to the shortage of water for irrigation.

The situation was called to the governor's attention in a letter from L. K. Gram, secretary of the Bend chamber of commerce, including a telegram which that organization sent to the president.

The Bend letter declares that as far as individual families are concerned conditions in Central Oregon are worse than that being experienced by the drought sufferers in the middle west.

Many Abandon Farms  
The Bend telegram to the president says that due to the dry condition water in the Deschutes, and other rivers is insufficient to supply all the lands within the irrigation districts, and that unless relief is provided "several hundred families will lose the results of years of effort and their farms will be abandoned."

The president is informed that relief is possible through federal action, at a comparatively small expense, in providing additional storage and eliminating the use of water for power purposes. The entire cost to the government, it is claimed, could be repaid by the water users.

The Arnold irrigation district and Crook county improvement district No. 7 are mentioned as in danger. Both were for a time entirely without water, but through arrangements with the Pacific Power & Light company some water was secured and temporary relief given. The Deschutes county municipal improvement district, known as the Tumalo, is another that is in danger.

"The government could give permanent relief by acquiring the rights of the Hoover as chairman of the Deschutes river, and storing the winter flow in the Crane park reservoir," says the letter to the governor.

## BOARD VOTES FOR DISMISSAL OF MINISTER

GREENWOOD, Mo., Aug. 20 (AP)—Mrs. Mae Halzlip of St. Louis was injured seriously in a crash of her airplane here today.

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## HYDE HEADS DROUTH RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 (AP)—Secretary Hyde was Tuesday appointed by President Hoover as chairman of the national drouth relief committee.

The head of the agriculture department has already moved to assure

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## MILITARY COURT FREES AMERICAN

### Charles Leopold Hartmann Absolved of Charges of Being Spy

PARIS, Aug. 20 (AP)—A Paris military tribunal today solemnly absolved Charles Leopold Hartmann, of Hollister, Cal., from all stigma of having been a German agent during the world war, recalling the death sentence passed upon him in 1919.

The court, in rescinding the death sentence, transferred it to an unknown person who usurped Hartmann's identity.

Hartmann is an American citizen, 75 years old. He was arrested on charges of being a spy when he met with his wife in Alsace.

A net of circumstances in evidence had been woven around Hartmann by the activities of the person who had assumed his name, and the French government, in clearing the American, acknowledged a singular case of mistaken identity had caused his arrest at Nordheim.

The American hotel man, through the embassy, obtained proof

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## Mystery Surrounding Aimee Remains Unsolved—Reports Are Conflicting

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (AP)—Further fuel for the fire ranging around the bronze-haired head of Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, was added today by her mother and sister, Miss Minnie Kennedy. In additional talking, Minnie talked about a newspaper column, she said the asserted illness of her daughter was "just blank."

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20 (AP)—The mystery surrounding Aimee Semple McPherson's isolation at a Malibu Beach cottage, remained unsolved today as conflicting reports of illness, blindness and a fistic encounter with her mother went unwarnered