

RAILROAD CAUSE OF DESERTION OF OLD 'LA GRANDE'

When O.-W. Came Here in 1884 It Resulted in Change of Location

152 HOMES WERE ERECTED IN 1890

Construction of the Elgin Branch Started Same Year—Extended to Joseph in 1908.

Not 20 years after the Old Oregon trail was blazed through, a sturdy pioneer by the name of Benjamin Brown crossed overland and settled at Umatilla. Reflecting on the trip, he decided that a more attractive spot had not been seen on the journey westward than the Grande Ronde valley.

He returned in 1862 and erected the first buildings in the original town of La Grande, with his wife making this their home. Mt. Fannie in the eastern end of the county was named after Mrs. Brown.

In the same year Providence M. Currey, whose grandson George H. Currey, is now in business in this city, taught the first school in a log cabin in Old Town. The Rev. H. K. Hines, a Methodist minister prominent in the early history of the state, was the first man to preach the gospel to the pioneers of the Grande Ronde valley. James M. Chure and Jake Nibler were before the railroad came, freighters driving teams from Umatilla through this valley to the Baker and Idaho mines.

Mr. McClure being at that time 14 and Mr. Nibler 17 years of age. These boys were with a party of freighters who were attacked by Indians west of the Blue Mountains in 1876, when a number of white men were killed. The two boys and several men escaped by hiding in the brush and timber, and later made their way back to La Grande.

Railroad Comes The railroad, when it came in 1884 took a bee line across the valley from the gap at Oro Dell to Pyle canyon on the eastern border.

And La Grande, finding itself a mile off the line, reestablished itself and created a "new town" beside the railroad, though the old town as it is still known locally, is an integral and populous part of the city of La Grande at present.

The old B. W. Grandy, Joseph Palmer, and C. V. Harding homesteads covered the present townsite and the old Grandy home, which was razed to permit the building of the La Grande hotel, is the first residence in the new city. Mrs. Lydia Grandy, widow of the late B. W. Grandy, is the mother of Mrs. Sherman Williams, the first white child born in La Grande.

W. J. Snodgrass, the first merchant and millman at La Grande, transferred his business from the old town to the new site as soon as the railroad came and the rest of the inhabitants quickly followed.

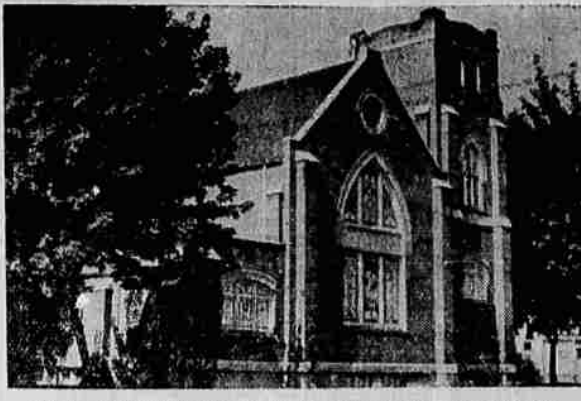
First Passenger Train The first passenger train pulled into La Grande July 20, 1884, with Engineer Dick Knight at the throttle and Conductor Robinson taking the tickets. Both of these men are now dead.

La Grande became at once a division point, and through the generosity of its business men, who donated land for the purpose, it became the location of the present railroad shops.

The dispatchers' office for the line from Umatilla to Huntington was established here, with C. W. Taylor as chief dispatcher.

In 1890 La Grande's office was given an assistant superintendent, D. W. C. Perry being the first incumbent, and J. P. O'Brien the next. A. J. Borie, the third, was made superintendent but under the receivership of 1894-5 the office was removed to Pendleton. In 1900 M. J. Buckley, who was in 1887 a freight brakeman running out of La Grande, was made assistant superintendent with headquarters here and the office thus re-

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



This beautiful brick structure is the home of the First Presbyterian church situated on the triangular lot enclosed by Sixth street, Spring avenue, and Washington avenue, on the edge of the business district of La Grande. A fine organ is one of the features of the commodious building. A small house next to the church serves as additional quarters for the Sunday school.

stored was continued until on Aug. 3, 1913, the second division of the unit was created with W. Bollons as superintendent.

From 1885 to 1888 and 1890 to 1892 J. P. Graham, for many years superintendent of motive power in Portland and now deceased, was employed in La Grande, first as a machinist and afterward as general foreman of the shops. A. Buckley, too, "grew up" in La Grande, being successively dispatcher, chief dispatcher and assistant superintendent, between 1900 and 1917.

Jacob Gulling, conductor. A. J. Martin, storekeeper, George Hanson, engineer, were among the first railroad employes in the Grande Ronde valley.

The first blacksmith foreman in La Grande's shops was A. Floyd, now dead. In the blacksmith shop with him were Frank Hrookler and Andrew Anderson. J. E. Foley, who has left his name attached to the first hotel and modern office building here, was the original B & B pile driver foreman working out of this terminal.

Comparisons Within two or three years after the completion of the railroad, La Grande had the appearance of a growing and prosperous town; in 1889 thirty-five residences were built, in 1890 a total of 152 and in 1891 the number of new residences completed was 128.

The construction in 1890 of the Elgin branch, running 20 miles north, opened up tributary territory and gave an impetus to the development of the valley.

In the year 1908 the extension of this branch as far as Joseph, 84 miles from La Grande by rail, opened up one of the most prosperous valleys in the state and the scenic wonderland, Wallowa-lake.

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What Money Won't Buy An English Journal once offered a prize for the best definition of the word money. The winning definition read: "Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to anywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness."—Kansas City Star.

Purely American Idea The high school is distinctly an American institution. The English high school of Boston, founded in 1821, was the first of its kind and gradually, as free elementary schools were established throughout the country, the high schools followed.

Feathered Robbers Bold robbers are the sheath-bills, pirate birds found in the cold Antarctic regions. Traveling in twos they visit the nests of the penguins and while one engages the attention of a nesting bird the other enjoys a meal of penguin eggs.

Kipling's Famous Line The phrase "the dawn comes up like thunder over China 'cross the bay," is a geographical liberty which Kipling took in writing his famous poem. If you have watched for the sunrise across a broad stretch of water you know how suddenly the sun bursts above the horizon. It comes with the suddenness of thunder. This is an example of how impossible it is always to take literally a figure of speech found in a poem.—Washington Star.

The Oregon board of health will issue permits for the operation of public swimming pools this year only where the water has been chlorinated or otherwise purified.

Romans Relished Oysters Excavations at Caerleon, Wales, discloses a Roman oyster bar. In the ancient town have been found beautiful houses having 40 to 50 rooms, and numerous shops. In one of the shops was a pile of oyster shells and also a large number of unopened bivalves.

Important Question An important point remains to be settled about the mule whose kick is reported to have been removed by evolutionary processes of breeding! Does the mule understand about the new quality of meekness that has been thrust upon him?—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Liverwort" "Wort" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon "wyrt" and means plant. The plant known as liverwort was so called from an ancient belief that it was a curative for liver troubles.

Deploring Shrinkage In French Prestige

The Smile of the Vanquished



Andre Tardieu, just retired as premier of France, seems more gladdened than downcast as he emerges from a conference in the wake of Edouard Herriot, victor in recent elections. The bulging brief case under Herriot's arm probably explains Tardieu's look of relief.

Game Warden's Busy Season

The main work of game wardens at this season of the year in many of the states, particularly in the heavily populated eastern sections, is not chasing down out-of-season hunters and fishing law violators, as most persons commonly think, said Seth Gordon, president of the association.

"It is the control of cats and dogs found running at large in the woods and fields during the nesting and breeding season. Wild life investigators have found that not more than 15 per cent of the young game crop reaches maturity, and they hold hunting dogs and cats to be among the chief reasons for this waste."

In states where dogs are licensed for an owner to let his dogs run loose on other property during this season often carries a heavier penalty than any other game law violation, he said. He added that efforts to control the large numbers of straying or abandoned and half-wild house cats are made the year round, but are considered to be especially important in nesting time.

With game departments and ornithologists ridding the country of stray cats as the worst of all menaces to bird life, and the Journal of the American Medical Association now attacking them as disease carriers, movements to tax cats are at present under way in nine states—New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Ohio, Massachusetts, Vermont, California, Pennsylvania and Florida. The proposed cat license laws would make the licensed tabbies legal property—and the rest outlaws.

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AIRMAIL POSTAGE

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Increase of the airmail postage rate within the country from 5 to 8 cents for the first ounce and from 10 cents to 13 cents for each additional ounce, effective July 6, was announced recently by the postoffice department. The increase is expected to yield \$3,000,000 annually in revenue.

Ranked by Foreign Critics It has often been said that the rank of a living artist can most fairly be gauged by the esteem in which he is held by foreign countries.

Alaska's fishery industry employed nearly 23,000 persons in 1931.

The elephant, crocodile and rhinoceros are among the animals that appear to be on the down grade of evolution and that will some day disappear like the great dinosaurs.

A new five inch power cable laid under the Columbia river for the transmission of power from Ariel lake to Portland, Ore., will have a capacity of 115,000 volts.

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New Chieftain Finds Country Facing Danger

By Joseph E. Sharkey PARIS (AP) — France's foreign policy is in a state of suspended animation, says Edouard Herriot, France's new political chieftain.

Herriot hopes to inject new life into this policy. He realizes it is a big job. He said: "The London conference showed that our external policy is negative. Where are our friends?"

"France is in the difficult situation of being able to lean only on those countries which she herself is holding on their feet."

This was deemed an allusion to such nations as Poland, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and perhaps, also Belgium.

The husky statesman, for Herriot is a big, almost burly appearing man, is gentle in manner and speech, and some of his political enemies say he is soft. But back of his quietness is a tremendous moral force which, being housed in his big, beautiful body, permits extraordinary mental and physical effort.

One can see this in the handling of his beloved pipe. Like former Vice President Dawes and Stanley Baldwin, ex-prime minister of Great Britain, Herriot loves his pipe and is seldom without it. But he clutches it between his teeth with bulldog tenacity.

Danger Signals Ahead Continuing his summation of the international situation, he went on: "We must pursue careful diplomacy. We must be genuinely patient. Our acts must be the outcome of mature deliberation."

"The forthcoming Lausanne conference is the most dangerous convulsion with which we ever have been confronted.

"How can one speak of a link between reparations and war debts when, in the case of the former, we are obliged to insist constantly upon our rights and, in the case of the latter, we are lacking the benefit of a clause of safeguard?"

"At Geneva the problem is how to conciliate the necessary security of France against aggression, with the cutting down of military budgets whose present size the people can no longer support.

"These tasks have been handed down by the previous government of France and now we must solve the question of debts, reparations and disarmament."

"It is, indeed, an hour when one can say with perfect truth that nothing has been settled.

No Vain Sacrifices "I have said it before and I now repeat it — my party (the Radical Socialists) is not opposed to acts of goodwill or even to sacrifices by France, provided such acts and sacrifices really lead to a consolidation of peace."

Getting directly to the German problem, Herriot said it was the radical socialists of France who first told the Germans to come and talk with the French. The Dawes plan resulted. It brought to French coffers one billion dollars. He continued: "In making peace with Germany we made Germany pay. If we think nationalism is dangerous there are certain pacifist imprudences to which we are opposed.

"I am against all 'nationalisms' and not merely against French nationalism. I am against the nationalism of Hitler.

Backs Preparedness "When my country is in peril I shall defend it. I am a patriot. "I have voted for military credits and shall continue to vote for them. With virility must we back peace.

"If Hitler comes into power I prefer that the shock be felt by hills of concrete than by the breasts of young Frenchmen."

Many of Herriot's friends think their leader would prefer to remain a historian and lecturer than to be a big statesman with grave responsibilities.

His fad is to analyze the personalities of the past and pick out those who would be radical socialists were they alive today. He is a stout believer in the liberalistic tenets of his party.

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Dr. F. L. Tribe, a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, located in Davenport, Iowa, has a suite of offices in the New Foley building. He has been practicing in La Grande for seven years and in his well-equipped suite of offices, he conducts his clinic and X-ray laboratory.

Drs. Biggs and Biggs located on the second floor of the Foley building are graduates of the Palmer School of Chiropractic and employ the latest methods of chiropractic spinal adjustments. Drs. Biggs and Biggs have been in continuous practice for the past seventeen years, with fourteen years X-ray experience, and have employed the use of the neurolocometer.

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as complete an X-ray laboratory, neurolocometer and other equipment as might be found in any up-to-date chiropractor's office.

Dr. Woodell is a graduate of the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and Pacific Chiropractic college of Portland and has been practicing in La Grande for the past eleven years. In addition to his activities as a chiropractor, he is equipped to give radiologic and electric-therapy treatments. He is located at the present time in his suite of offices in the West-Jacobson building.

Famous Old Vessel According to Joshua Humphreys' statement in regard to the Constitution, the frame of the vessel was made from live oak and red cedar; the keel of white oak; the decks of Carolina pitch pine. This wood was procured from Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S. C. Joshua Humphreys was the designer of this ship.

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Advertisement for Sheepskin Business Is Booming. It features a photograph of a large crowd of people gathered for a graduation ceremony. Text includes: 'Here's the impressive scene as the nation's largest university graduates its 2227 senior students. While Columbia's cap-and-gown graduates (in foreground) listened to the commencement address of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, university president, 20,000 spectators looked on.'