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So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psalm 90:12.

### COLLEGE TOWN

The citizens of La Grande cannot but be aware of the fact that this has become a college town. In just three years it has assumed that unmistakable atmosphere and that lively dynamism which distinguishes the college town from the ordinary run of communities.

Did you see the many groups of students, with expectant faces, alighting from trains and stages last weekend? Did you hear the enthusiastic greetings of those returning to continue their courses and renew happy friendships? Or did you see the family cars, stacked high with trunks and other baggage, bringing sons or daughters to La Grande?

Now, with the fall term of the Eastern Oregon Normal school in full swing, we see these college students, fine young men and women, on the streets of our city and in the stores throughout the week. They will be found in our churches and at our social gatherings throughout the year. Ramblings of their football games, dramatics, music, and fraternities are already in the air.

And it is good to have these young people among us once more. They add interest, enthusiasm, and unbounded energy to the life of our community. The Normal school, with its faculty of well trained men and women, its progressive and alert student body, and its splendid building, provide cultural opportunities which the people of La Grande are just beginning to appreciate.

The young people of Eastern Oregon have in this institution the facilities for teacher training of a high class, which will fit them for teaching in any of our elementary schools, or provide the foundation for more advanced work in the universities of the nation. Here also they may do junior college work, credit for which may be transferred at any time to any of the four-year colleges and universities which they may desire to attend later.

That these opportunities are worth while is evidenced by the fact that the first week's attendance at the local institution is greater than the total enrollment of the fall term last year, while most of the colleges and universities are reporting greatly reduced enrollments. Thus there can be no doubt of the wisdom of providing this broad program of higher education in Eastern Oregon for Eastern Oregon young people.

### A NEW SAGA OF THE VIKINGS

An American college professor recently finished more than a decade's study of some odd-looking inscriptions on a stone found in Minnesota and announced that his researches proved that a band of Viking adventurers had visited Minnesota as long ago as 1012.

This theory had been put forward before, and had been sharply criticized by authorities on Viking history; but the professor believes he has removed the earlier objections to its acceptance, and those of us who know nothing whatever about it will be inclined to hope that he is right. The story opens such a fascinating vista for imaginative minds.

According to the story, a band of Vikings was sent from Europe in the middle of the 14th century to relieve a hard-pressed Greenland settlement. Finding the settlement deserted, the band continued on its way, got into Hudson Bay, and eventually made its way up a chain of lakes and rivers into what is now Minnesota.

Wandering overland, far from its boats, part of the band was ambushed and slain by Indians. The survivors inscribed the story on a stone and then vanished, and to this day no man knows what became of them.

Here, quite clearly, is one of the most romantic of all exploration stories; and we hope that it is true, not because it makes any difference, but because it is all too good a story to lose.

It is hard for us today to realize the loneliness and isolation that must have attended that Viking band. Lost in Minnesota 600 years ago, they were infinitely farther from home and civilization than any explorers could possibly get today. The land about of them was more completely unknown than any land white men have ventured into for 500 years. Surely, if ever there were stout-hearted men, they were in this group of Vikings.

And the finish of it all? Darkness and mystery which can never be dispelled. Somewhere, somehow, those Vikings came to the end of the road. Starvation, or boring Indians, or sickness finished them off, and we shall never know just what happened.

But it is hard even to think of it without feeling the pulse quicken.

### Other Papers Say:

BOOKS AND DAYS PER WEEK  
It seems to be pretty generally agreed that we are going to have another the six-hour working day or

### OUT OUR WAY



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to spend continuously to supply the demand and before overhead. If there is to be any chance determined by human factors, would not a five day week of seven or eight hours be preferable to a six day week of six hours? There is nothing sacred about the eight hour day for any more than there was about the ten-hour or fourteen hour day. But six hours in most occupations makes a pretty short working day. And who can take a longer weekend? We are headed in the right direction.—Globe Star Times.

**GOOD THINGS COMING**  
Property is coming back. The Oregon lumber is picking up, as the lumber trade is keeping Canadian lumber out of the United States. The statistics show that in July, the first full month since the tariff became effective, the Canadian lumber imports fell from \$2,000,000 plus to \$1,000,000 plus last year. This means a falling out of \$1 million in sales, which at once presents the hope of unemployment will be a great boon to the Oregon camps and mills.

Everywhere sawmills and wood products manufacturing establishments are getting under way. There still remains a long distance to go. The period of readjustment from the last continuance of the tariff prosperity of 1928 and 1929 to the new conditions cannot be spanned in a day. There must be time for adjustment to the work. First of all, the machinery of the industry must be made ready for the new year. It was a time when the entire credit structure of the nation and the world was tottering. But now the disturbing elements have been stamped and the foundation is laid for recovery.

Everywhere is found a better feeling. Whenever the gas goes, people are putting to work. Men and women go back to work, the buying power of the nation will be stimulated and better prices will be paid for farm products.

When farming gets back a profitable bank, the bad times will be over.—Albany Democrat-Herald.

### 1931 CHAMPIONS SHOW THEY ARE OUT TO REPEAT

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It appears that the situation is reversed. In order to win, La Grande not only must humble the champions—who undoubtedly will gain for the Tiger game—but also must defeat every other Eastern Oregon opponent to stand in its stead in which the champion is defeated both here and La Grande to win the championship.

### Farm Strike "Sparkplug"



Here is the latest picture of Milo Benn, "sparkplug" of the organizing farm revolt against low prices. He organized the movement in Iowa, from where it has since spread to states nearby. Despite the "farm" made between strikers and farmers in Iowa, an armed conflict has now a threatened. Benn's farm has prospered they'll pick the plants, backing the side of farm produce to grow despite the orders of the authorities.

### Demure



Dropped shoulders and a high neck and a demure look to this evening gown which is fastened from a low neckline with a high back. Wide bands of fur wrap the shoulders, the skirt folds the legs and flares as it grows longer.

### 636 STUDENTS AT LA GRANDE HIGH

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Several books during the entire year. The number will be considerably increased before next year. Principal Troy D. Walker predicted.

Enrollment figures are excellent. 1932 enrollment, 636 students, 223 juniors, 123 seniors and 29 post graduates.

**Measure for Life's Span**  
Dr. William Hines, speaking recently at a banquet in Seattle, remarked that the best way to live a long time is to select good healthy parents. As a matter of fact, the best opportunity of life of a person's probable span of life is to add together the ages of parents and grandparents and divide it by six.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

**Divided Honors**  
The thing of the American Olympics against the British enemy occurred on land and at sea miles or less simultaneously over a long period, and it is impossible to assign any date which would show which arm of the service was best in this regard.

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### By J. R. Williams

**ENTERPRISE PERSONALS**  
ENTERPRISE Special—Supt. and Mrs. L. Lee Williams and Billy left early Tuesday morning for Pacific City. Mr. Williams received word that the letter was actually ill.  
Wesley Reed has entered Washington State college at Pullman. His brother William, came over from Lewiston to take Wesley to school.  
Wilson Wallis has returned to Walla Walla where he will enter Whitman college as a senior.  
Miss Margaret Hays left Thursday for New Orleans, La. where she will attend Tulane university.  
As a final preliminary hearing before Justice A. B. Conway Monday afternoon, Frank Bruts and Merrill Smith, his stepson, both of Salem, were held to the grand jury under \$2000 bonds on charge of possession of elk meat and passing a gun as an officer. Game Warden George M. Hagen testified briefly and the defense presented no witnesses.  
Dr. Stephen E. L. Pearson, president of Whitman college, will give a talk on graduation here Sunday night, Oct. 2.  
Miss Eleanor Daily, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Daily of Palouse, Wash., became the bride of James W. Clayton, of Hermiston, son of Mrs. Ella T. Clayton, of Hermiston, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 in the Baptist church in Walla Walla, Wash., with Rev. Leonard Brown officiating. The young couple were accompanied and the ceremony was performed in the presence of dear relatives and intimate friends.

### La Grande High Seniors Receive Typing Awards

Typewriting awards earned last year by seniors at La Grande High have just been presented to them. It was announced today.

These winning awards follow:  
Robert Connor, Mary Cook, Cecilia Stewart, Estelle Westergren, Clara Jordan, Berta Gray, Madeline Callaghan, Wren Smith, Dora Elmer, Evelyn Whelan, Thelma Gallagher, Everett Reynolds, Mary Delaney, Follans Eagle, Grace Smith, Jean McClinton, Barbara Childs.

These awards are given by the Great Publishing Company for speed and accuracy in typewriting a 20-minute test at 40 or more words a minute with one or two errors.

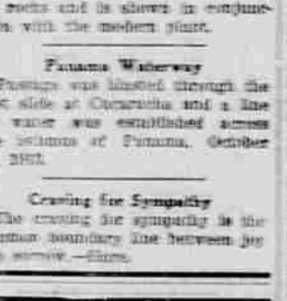
Senior Charles earned a gold pin for writing the best at the rate of 50 words a minute.

**Starch Writing**  
The chemists generally used in dry-writing are not with a certain amount of soda and solidified starch. The machines used are equipped with smoke generator and sprayer in the feedings. The smoke is produced at the rate of 1/100 cubic feet per second; according to one calculation it takes about 1/1000 cubic feet of smoke for each letter, a mile long.

**Plant New Curiosity**  
A species of humped or Equisetum plant which has been extinct for millions of years is in the hall of plant life at the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago. The species is one found in fossil form in rocks and is shown in conjunction with the modern plant.

**Panama Waterway**  
Panama was blasted through the last side at Colonilla and a line of water was established across the isthmus of Panama, October 21, 1914.

**Crawling for Sympathy**  
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**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed with the County Court of Wasco County, Oregon, the estate of Frederick A. Porter, deceased, and said court has fixed Tuesday, the 18th day of October, 1932, at ten o'clock a. m., at the court room of said county in the courthouse at La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing any and all objections to said final account and for final settlement and distribution of said estate.

**NOTICE OF ELECTION SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 22nd day of September, A. D. 1932, at the former home of Lennie Reynolds in Coos County, the undersigned, executor of the last will of Lennie Reynolds deceased, will sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash personal property belonging to said estate, as follows: 50-000; 1 cook stove, 2 heating stoves, 2 bedsteads and springs, 2 commodes, 2 dressers, 2 cupboards and dishes, 1 lounge, 1 sewing machine, 1 ironing board, 1 rocking chair, 5 dining chairs, 1 paragon, 1 dining table, 1 wash tub, 2 cradles, 1 wash board and stool, 1 garden seeder and tool, 1 work bench, 1 electric iron, 1 photograph and stand, also numerous small sundry articles not named.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON**  
In the Matter of Arthur B. Thomas, Bankrupt.

To the creditors of Arthur B. Thomas, of La Grande Union County, in the State and District aforesaid, bankrupt.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the said Arthur B. Thomas was duly adjudicated bankrupt by the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon on Sept. 22nd, 1932, and the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of H. E. Dixon, Esquire, La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, October 4th, 1932, at 10 a. m., at which time said creditors may

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