

# CITY WATER. SEWAGE SYSTEMS MODELS IN NORTHWEST

La Grande Fortunate in Having Splendid Municipal Utilities.

La Grande as a municipality, is often pointed to by its neighbors in the Inland Empire for its fine utilities—its modern \$105,000 sewage disposal plant, its combination water system that supplies the city with the purest and finest of drinking water, its splendid ornamental lighting system, its many, many miles of paved streets, its efficient fire department, etc.

The sewage disposal plant, constructed within the last ten years, has many times served as a model for construction of similar plants in other northwestern cities. It was completed in 1926 and during the eight years of service has lived up to fullest expectations.

The water system is one of which the city is particularly proud. The gravity portion—the water obtained from the Beaver Creek reservoir in the Blue mountains—dates back to the 90s and discharges its duties year after year with fine regularity. The water is brought from clear mountain streams and cool springs through a pipeline to Old Town, where it is kept in a large reservoir until needed in the city mains. The other portion of the system consists of two deep artesian wells, near the Second street viaduct, which alone could supply the city with an adequate supply of water if necessary. One of the deep wells pierces the earth 1034 feet, and the other, drilled a year later, goes down 1368 feet to strike its vein of water. Both wells together can furnish around 1300 gallons of water per minute.

Tests made frequently by state board of health chemists reveal the water here to be as near perfect as is possible.

The fire department has two large trucks, one provided with an efficient pumping equipment and powered by a new motor just installed this summer. The ornamental lighting system, which may be inspected by visitors next week, was erected some five years or more ago throughout the business district, and has been in constant use since then. Much of the

## LA GRANDE ELKS AND OLD STAGE COACH AT JOSEPH IN YEAR 1903



The stage coach which once operated between Elgin and Joseph is pictured above, with a group of Elks who drove to Joseph to attend the funeral of Pete Sullivan. F. D. McCully is on the driver's seat and beside him is Jack Peare. Others in the picture include F. S. Ivanhoe, Charles Goodnough, Frank Stevenson, of Joseph; Charlie Melquist; Dr. Whiting, now of Portland but then of Elgin, and Jim Murphy.

paving of the streets took place in the last decade, although some of the streets were hard surfaced 25 years or longer ago.

### LOCAL BAND WELL KNOWN IN NORTHWEST

The La Grande band, formerly known as the La Grande municipal band, ranks as one of the finest organizations of its kind in the Pacific northwest, and will have an important part to play in the Semi-Centennial Union Pacific celebration events here next week.

Much of the success of the organization is ascribed to Andrew Loney Jr., who for many years directed it. Director Loney was employed by the railroad for a long period of time, giving up this work a few years ago to become music supervisor of the La Grande public schools.

The band has served as official band at the Pendleton Round-Up, famous western classic, for many years, playing both at the arena and for the Happy Canyon night

show. Also the band was the official musical organization at the Oregon state fair one year, plays frequently at the Eastern Oregon Livestock show at Union, and played at the Old Oregon Trail celebration at Meshanay July 3-4, 1923, which was visited by the late President Warren G. Harding a short time before his death.

Union Pacific railroad men whose names are prominently identified with the success of the band besides Director Loney include Richard Landsay, Peter Biever and Oscar Humphries.

Loney played for 11 years with leading orchestras and bands of the country before coming to La Grande on account of ill health. He played solo cornet with Kryl's band the season of 1924, touring the eastern, mid-western and southern states. He studied with leading instructors of the nation including A. F. Weldon, Innes and Bohumir Kryl, regarded as the world's greatest cornet soloist.

### EMPLOYEES OWN HOMES

The last survey made here revealed that 429 employes of the Union Pacific railroad in La Grande owned their own homes.

## QUEEN CONTEST TO END HERE SATURDAY NOON

The contest for the coveted title of queen of the Semi-centennial U. P. celebration here July 19, 20 and 21, is in its final week, with Fayo Walker, sponsored by the Eagles, in first place.

The contest will come to an end at noon Saturday, July 14, when all candidates must turn in their money to the bank, and their tickets to the chamber of commerce for final accounting. The winners will be announced at the queen's dance to be held Saturday night, July 14.

Standings of the candidates today follow:

1. Fayo Walker (Eagles), 16,125 votes.

2. Lorraine Dodge (B. of R. T.), 12,500 votes.
3. Dorothy Wall (Engineers), 10,050 votes.
4. Vadis Baxter (Central Labor Council), 9725 votes.
5. Vesta Mitchell (Rotary and Lions), 8600 votes.
6. Marian Pidcock (L. S. of B. of L. F. & E.), 5350 votes.
7. Violet Stills (Veterans of Foreign Wars), 5350 votes.
8. Ella Engel (unattached), 1165 votes.

Princeton university has announced a plan allowing senior students to spend nearly all their time in independent study.



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