

**STORE**

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sale and had a package to go out." He indicated that "each store watched carefully the number of times the flag was put out by its competitors."

There were two banks and three smaller retail businesses — H.H. Peare, jeweler, W.H. Bohnenkamp, hardware business, and A.T. Hill, drug business.

On Aug. 1, 1929, N.K. West & Company sold out to the Falk Department Store Company of Boise and William Siegrist was to be the new manager. However, in June of 1935, West and his son-in-law, Herman, purchased the men's and

boyswear department from Falk's, partitioning and remodeling this section from Falk's. They were issued a building permit in July of that year for work to cost \$50 (roughly \$1,000 today) to repair a brick business building. This newly modernized store would be managed by Herman's son, Ken Siegrist.

Falk's Department Store remained in business for many decades. Over the years it was also known as Falk's ID and Keith O'Brien. After they closed, Sarah Bohnenkamp established her home furnishings store there. After many years of this building serving the people of La Grande in so many ways, tragedy struck on April

4, 1994, when a fire broke out inside the store and destroyed the building, leaving only a huge hole where it once stood. A wooden fence, erected at the edge of the sidewalk, remained in place for nearly 10 years until in 2005 when the N.K. West apartments were constructed.

The story isn't complete without a bit more of the life of Nathaniel Kendrick West. He was born at Mondovia, Wisconsin, on Aug. 31, 1866. The family moved to Portland when Nathaniel was a young man. His father, N.K. Sr., was in the clothing business and Nathaniel went into business with him. In 1885 he married Martha (Mattie) and in 1887 his daughter,

Ada, was born. In 1899 the family moved to La Grande. The year of 1902 was a difficult one for the family — Mattie was quite ill. She had gotten better by the end of the year, but in March of 1904 Mattie died at the age of 34, leaving N.K. with 17-year-old Ada.

In March of 1909 Ada married Herman Siegrist and they made their home with her father on Fourth Street. By 1920 Ada and Herman had a son named Kendrick and the whole family was still at the Fourth Street residence. Then in 1922 tragedy hit the family again when Ada passed away. She also was only 34 years old.

In January 1923, N.K. married Mae Robinson,

age 44, who was 20 years his junior. Mae, who had never married, still lived at home, and had been the bookkeeper for N.K. West clothing and dry goods store for many years. The couple set up housekeeping at West's farm in the Summer-ville area. Mr. West's dairy farm and his racing horses were known to be two of his favorite avocations.

Nathaniel Kendrick West died in La Grande of a heart attack at the age of 73 on Saturday, Nov. 12, 1939.

An interesting article popped up in the Observer while I was doing research, stating that on July 30, 1929, the temperature reached 102 degrees. Seems what was old is new again.

Keep looking up! Enjoy!

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by Stella Wilder

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021  
 YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder

Born today, you are not always suited to the tasks that you undertake, and you are used to feeling like you are in over your head -- especially when the going gets tough and the critics start to cackle about all that you are doing wrong. The truth is that you rarely do anything completely wrong, but your methods are such that you don't reach the goals or achieve the results that others are after -- and that's really the key to understanding the real you.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11  
 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- An emotional outburst can set you back days or weeks today -- so be sure to avoid anything that might inspire such an unfortunate reaction from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Starting and stopping will not be difficult today, but keeping up the momentum when things get dull midway through will be the trick.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You cannot afford to make any decisions, large or small, that will leave you stranded in an ideological corner today. Be open and accepting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- You must put in the effort today if you want your cause to prevail. Indeed, what you do right now -- yes, this moment -- may matter most, in fact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You are feeling things more heavily today than expected, so you'll want to avoid situations or people who push too many of your buttons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- That which happens without your knowledge today is likely to have a major impact on you as soon as tomorrow. Keep your eyes open!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You must do everything you can today to further your cause before considering a compromise that has been suggested by a close competitor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Just as one close contest is decided and comes to a close today, another heats up. Can you sustain this level of competition? Yes, indeed!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You'll win the praise and admiration of many today as you sustain a pattern of accomplishment that might once have seemed improbable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You have much to offer today, but you must present your ideas in a way that doesn't threaten anyone else around you. Remain low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Saying the right thing at the wrong time may be just as dangerous today as saying the wrong thing at any time at all. Don't be premature!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Examine your motives today and you'll realize there is room for some improvement. There's a selfishness to be addressed.

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  - Turnpike rumbler
  - Kind of poem
  - Elevator pioneer
  - Part of a pin
  - 1960s style
  - Promise
  - Ocean predator
  - Holiday cheer
  - Scratch out a living
  - Furry
  - Art category
  - Garish sign
  - Mr. Whitney
  - Red-waxed cheese
  - Memorandum
  - Camel's-hair color
  - donna
  - 40-cup server
  - Rip
  - Norwegian monarch
- DOWN**
- Animal park
  - Ms. Hagen
  - Kindled a fire
  - Theater employee
  - Pistol, slangily
  - Brats
  - Sleeps
  - Wrestling locale
  - Cruise or Clancy
  - Customary manner
  - Fieri stack
  - Pavlov of physiology
  - Blow it
  - Nonsense writer
  - Construction toy
  - Fourth letter
  - New Age singer
  - "Gracious!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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