

LA GRANDE NOT TO LOSE ENGINE CREWS

O.-W. R. & N. Order Puts Pilot Rock Junction on Map as Terminal.

TRAINMEN'S PLEA HEARD

Town Asks That Crews Be Allowed to Remain Where They Own Homes and Railroad Gives Assurance.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Custom and practice as old as rail-roading in Eastern Oregon are about to be upset by the creation of Pilot Rock Junction, three miles west of La Grande, as the western terminal for the La Grande division, if proposed plans materialize.

An order announcing the new terminal substitution for Umatilla, which soon will be a whistling post on a branch line, carries on the face of it the impression that ten passenger engine crews will be moved from La Grande to Huntington and Pilot Rock Junction.

The attempted change depends upon the success or failure of a move launched tonight at a meeting of the Commercial Club.

Although passenger engines will run from Huntington to Pilot Rock instead of east and west, out of here, it is possible to keep the engines here. The east end would not be affected in the least, but on the west end the engineers would have to make a double back trip for a total of 52 miles.

Upon this hangs the removal or retention of the crews in La Grande. The engineers involved are the oldest in the service and all own homes here. George Barnhart, chairman of the engineers' grievance committee, has taken the matter up with President Farrell, and the firemen, through Chairman Adams, are doing the same.

Freight crews, shops, roundhouses, dispatching and general office arrangements are not affected by the order. Just where the Spokane main line will connect with the O.-W. R. & N. is not announced, but it will be either at Hinkle or Coyote. The Umatilla terminal facilities will be moved to Pilot Rock Junction, where at present there is no accommodations for employees.

CREWS TO STAY AT LA GRANDE Town's Importance as Railroad Center to Be Increased.

La Grande will not lose the residence of any of the engine crews as a result of the creation of Pilot Rock Junction, three miles west of Pendleton, as a through train terminal of the La Grande, or second division, of the O.-W. R. & N. Company. It was announced last night by J. D. Farrell, president. Instead, the manager admits, the responsibilities of the La Grande office as a division center, as the La Grande crews will operate the cutoff, which is to be used by through passenger trains.

The change really creates what is to be known as the Coyote cutoff division, which will be made out of a part of the West, or Portland, division and a part of the second, or La Grande, division, so far as through trains are concerned, but giving La Grande crews the responsibility for operating the cutoff. The schedules will be so arranged that crews arriving westbound at Pilot Rock in the morning will double back the 52 miles to La Grande that day or vice versa. Train crews will be entirely unaffected by the change, as the passenger trains will not be concerned.

Through passenger trains instead of going through to Umatilla will merely use the cutoff, saving time and distance. La Grande in all particulars will continue to be a central division point between Huntington and the Western terminus.

The point is that the new Coyote cutoff affects only engine crews on through passenger trains and them only theoretically, and does not affect the train crews. Mr. Farrell authorized his office to say last night, "It has no significance to Portland beyond the usual interest of time saved by operating a cutoff. Part of the Portland division goes into the Coyote cutoff division, with a part of the La Grande division, for through passenger trains only. In other words, the new cutoff merely overlaps on the first and second divisions. The engine crews will not have to change residences. Connections will be made at Pilot Rock Junction so that engine crews can return to La Grande as part of their run."

JITNEYS HIT TACK "MINE" Light Cruisers Are Crippled by Tire Explosion on Third Street.

Edward Popple, driver of a Third Street jitney bus, complained to the police Wednesday afternoon that he has been scattering large carpet tacks on Third street for several blocks in South Portland.

SCENES FROM "ON CHRISTMAS EVE," PLAY WHICH ASCENSION SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL STAGE FOR TOMORROW NIGHT FOR BENEFIT OF NEWSBOYS' COT AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.



TOTS TO GIVE PLAY

Ascension Sunday School Benefit Tomorrow Night.

SURPRISES ARE PLANNED

"Christmas Eve" Will Be Given to Raise Funds for Newsboys' Cot at Hospital and Newsies Will Be Playlet Guests.

Child faces lit with Christmas joy and Yuletide legends blended into a happy playlet, "Christmas Eve," the dress-rehearsal of which was staged yesterday and which will be an event at the Ascension Sunday School on Elm street and Vista avenue tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

The children from the Ascension Sunday school, under the patronage of Bishop Sumner and a number of prominent people, are giving the entertainment to raise funds for endowing a newsboys' cot at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

One of the delightful surprises of the affair is the "All Aboard for Blanket" song by a brigade of tiny folk in their little nighties and with candles. About 16 of the youngest members of the Sunday school take part in this feature.

Little Betty Kerr has role. "Christmas Eve" has for its heroine an imaginative little girl, admirably played by little Betty Kerr, who wishes for the fairies and awaits their visit. Hansel and Gretel, who has met the wishes.

"Wendy" is Frances Mathews, who calls forth "Robinson Crusoe." "Alice in Wonderland," "The Ragged Dicks," "The Boy From Back of the North Wind," "The Hush-a-bye Lady," and "Hansel and Gretel." A merry party occurs, and into the midst of it comes Santa Claus right through a great big fireplace. The Hush-a-bye From Hush-a-bye Land lulls the little girl to sleep while the quaint characters bring in and deck her Christmas tree.

Newspapers Will Be Guest. The whole is quaint, well played, and the newsboys are to be honor guests. A number of Christmas carols and instrumental music are interspersed.

The children in the play are: Josephine Slater, Dorothy Slatter, Marion Cullin, Halle Keating, Betty Kerr, Bobbie Holman, George Hoyt, Frances Matthews and James Robinson. Harry Stevens is Santa Claus and Elizabeth Halley portrays well the tolling, surly mother who is overwhelmed with surprise at her child's Christmas tree.

A number of surprises have been planned which will make the affair quite novel.



Top—Halle Keating, Harry Stevens (Santa Claus), and Right Robert Holman. Bottom (Left)—Josephine Slater, as Gretel, and Dorothy Slatter as Hansel.

MINERAL WATER VALUED

ASHLAND SPRINGS INCORPORATION HOLDS ELECTION. Company Capitalized at \$100,000 Plans Development of Big Health and Pleasure Resort.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Following the filing of articles of incorporation by the Pompadour Mineral Springs Company, capitalized at \$100,000, the stockholders organized and elected George W. Soranson, of Grants Pass, president; Harry Silver, of Ashland, vice-president; M. P. Schmitt, of Medford, secretary-treasurer; James D. Bell, of Medford, and James S. Bailey, of Ashland, directors.

The Oregon Bureau of Mines is authorized for the statement that these waters are richer in lithium, the metal so highly prized in mineral waters, than any of the known mineral waters in their natural state. It is understood that Charles G. Anthony, consulting engineer for the New York State Reservation Commission at Saratoga, who spent the year 1914 abroad studying the famous health resorts of Europe for the benefit of the commission, has been employed as consulting engineer for the new company and is expected to visit Ashland this month to advise in the further development of the company's springs.

The "Pompadour Chief Spring," which has been developed during the past summer, has a flow approximately of 25 gallons of water a minute. Officials of the company declare that the plans include the beautifying of the company's properties, with a view eventually to making it a popular health resort.

NEW RAIL LINK PLANNED Governor Alexander Is Considering North and South Idaho Line.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Information has been received here by the Lewiston Commercial Club declaring that the north and south railroad is still the paramount issue in the mind of Governor Moses Alexander, and that he is quietly laying plans for the building of the connecting link from New Meadows, the terminal of the Pacific & Idaho Northern Railroad westward to Lewiston, from a communication received from a prominent engineer with a reliable construction company, who has been over the proposed route and considers it entirely feasible.

ously reported attacked by a submarine, sunk, and safe, was reported to the State Department today by the American Consul at that port.

Oakland Mayor Seeks County Job. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—J. T. Bridges, for four consecutive terms Mayor of Oakland, Or., yesterday announced that he would be a candidate for County Commissioner at the Republican primary election to be held next May. Mr. Bridges has been prominent in local politics for many years and is chairman of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee.

Outlook Club Meets Tonight. The Outlook Club will meet at room 604 Eilers building, tonight at 8 o'clock. As matters of importance are to be discussed and arrangements completed for the club's donations to needy families at Christmas time, every member is requested to be present.

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GOODYEAR RAINCOAT COMPANY 343 Washington Street One Door West of Broadway Store Open Evenings Until 10

RIDGEFIELD TO ASK BIDS

Idea of Having Water Plant Put in by Day Labor Abandoned.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The City of Ridgefield will not attempt the construction work on the new municipal water system, as was first planned by the City Council. An issue of \$11,500 bonds for this purpose was authorized and sold to John Price & Co. of Seattle. The bids for the construction work of the reservoir and distribution system will be advertised in a few days and opened about January 5. The plans and specifications for the reservoir and distribution system have been received by City Clerk Blackburn.

APPLE PLANS POSTPONED Shippers' Council Will Wait For Surveys by Federal Officials.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Prominent representatives of fruit-shipping interests, assembled here yesterday to advise the Northwest Shippers' Council, decided to postpone all action in this matter, as well as on the proposed campaign to advertise the Northwest based apple, until after a survey of the situation by representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture.

CHURCHILL REFUGE IS HIT

German Shell Drops in Dugout Used by ex-Admiralty Chief.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Winston Spencer Churchill, who resigned his portfolio of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in order to join his regiment at the front, had a narrow escape a few days ago, according to complete reorganization of the situation by representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture.

FIRST "UNCLE TOM" DIES

End Comes to Veteran Actor in Vermont Soldiers' Home.

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 16.—Daniel Worcester, who was known as the original "Uncle Tom's Cabin," died at the Vermont Soldiers' Home tonight, aged 82 years. Mr. Worcester was said to be the last survivor of a company which produced the drama for the first time in Lowell, Mass., in 1855.

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