

FEZ HORDE TAKES THE TOWN

SHRINERS ENTERTAIN LA GRANDE

LONG LOOKED FOR DAY IS
HUGE SUCCESS IN MORE
THAN ONE WAY

DEGREES CONFERRED ON MORE THAN 60 CANDIDATES

Main Delegation of Nobles from
Portland, Others Come From Pen-
dleton, The Dalles and Baker—At
Kader Band and Chanters Give
Concert at Mormon Tabernacle

Yesterday was Shrine Day in La Grande.

For the past several months, Shriners all over the state, local Shriners, La Grande citizens and some 60 candidates have been looking forward to September 6.

Yesterday morning about 7:45 the Portland delegation, accompanied by two cars from The Dalles and two cars from Pendleton, arrived on the Shriners' special train. Soon after the Baker Shriners and candidates, arrived with their special band.

Breakfast was taken at two of the local hotels, after which the Baker delegation, who had said they were going to bring some new students, began "showing off." With their candidates dressed in a fantastic array they paraded up Adams avenue to the Foley Hotel in a very spirited and peppy fashion. While they were still putting their candidates through some of the rougher stunts, the doors of the Arcade theatre were thrown open to the wives of the Shriners and candidates, in order that they too might view the decorations for the afternoon's ceremonies. At 9:15 the doors were closed and Frank S. Grant gave an explanation of the existence of the Shriners, of their early beginnings and of their present day work. The curtains were then thrown back and by a process of electric lights, the different colors were so thrown on the scenes as to camouflage distance and nearness. The colorings were beautiful and the fading of the colors drew many exclamations from the admiring audience.

Three scenes were shown, that of the desert slowly coming into view, then the temple, first that of the exterior a square and then the inside of the temple at sunset. Three electricians, Robert Skeen, R. R. Poppleton, and Julius Dils, were responsible for getting the lights on at their right time, while G. H. Stephen, the stage expert, and Malcolm Tennant, art man, did the rest.

All of the candidates were then rounded up and dressed in appropriate styles for the luncheon which was given by the Shriners of La Grande in the Masonic hall at the noon hour.

At 1:15 a large gathering listened to the concert at the Mormon Tabernacle given by the A. Kader band and chanters.

A. E. Davidson, baritone soloist, sang "Forever is a Long, Long Time," and for an encore, "Gipsy Love Song," by Herbert. In the latter he was accompanied by a E. Kornblitz by Charles Henney.

For an encore, he sang "A Toast" by Roberts. Mr. Davidson is a former member of the Savage Grand Opera Company.

The Chanters, accompanied by the band, sang the Portland 1936 song, for next year the Shriners' convention is to be held in Portland. The Chanters also sang the "Bedouin Song" by Faute.

The band played "Atlantis Suite," that piece depicting some enchanted land, the Azores are thought to be the one remaining visible element of the mythical land.

The organist and director of Al Kader Chanters is William Robinson. He is a well known concert organist.

After the concert, the parade band and marchers drove down to the Arcade where the serious

OCTOBER 11 IS ROAD ELECTION

DATE IS SET BY COUNTY COURT
ACCORDING TO PETITION

Union County People Will on That
Date Pass on Bonds for
Highways

The county court has followed the law relative to the calling of a special election for the purpose of voting bonds for highway construction, and according to the petition recently filed, has designated October 11th as the day when the voters of Union county shall determine whether or not the proposition to bond the county for a million and a half dollars with which to build highways, shall prevail.

According to those who circulated the petitions praying the court to call the election, the proposition is decidedly in favor of the comprehensive and complete road plan outlined in the petition, and it is believed that while the vote will be heavy the preponderance of public sentiment will be in favor of the road plan.

Under the provisions, which are made a part of the petition and therefore become a part of the election, certain amounts will be expended upon different highways in the county and when the map is consulted it will be seen that all parts of the county have been cared for with road construction and therefore the people are very favorable to the plan as has been worked out.

ELK PROPOSITION TO BE CONSIDERED

The proposition of City Commissioner J. D. McKennon to lease to the Elks' lodge or some other public agency, for a period of ten years, a tract of land the size of which is to be determined by those accepting the proposition of Mr. McKennon, for the purpose of forming an Elk park, is to have thorough consideration. Thursday night, Exalted Ruler Colon R. Eberhard brought the proposition of Mr. McKennon before the La Grande Elks Lodge, when it is said to have been thoroughly discussed and debated, with the outcome that the Exalted Ruler was authorized to appoint, on behalf of the Elks, a committee to look into the matter and report to the lodge at a future date.

The information at hand is that any strong wire fence would be sufficient for the purpose, but that with a 72-inch woven wire fence several strands above so as to make the total height of the fence eight or nine and a half feet.

The Elks committee is composed of the following citizens:

R. J. Green, Past Exalted Ruler, who has already been active in the disposition of elk in Wallowa County, working under instructions from the La Grande Lodge of Elks.

J. H. Pearce, Past Exalted Ruler who has always been active in the protection of elk and in the institution of elk preserves.

F. J. Holmes, president of the La Grande National Bank, a heavy taxpayer and a conservative citizen.

Lee Hanford, a railroad conductor, always active in the success of the undertakings of the Elks lodge.

H. M. DuBois, principal of the La Grande High School and a gentleman well experienced on the subject.

PUBLIC NURSE NOW ON DUTY

With the arrival on Thursday of Miss Louise Zorn, who comes to take up her work as Union County public health nurse this community is taking an important step forward in the matter of better public health. Accompanying Miss Zorn is Miss Jane C. Allen, who is the state public health nurse and who will help in setting the work organized here. Union county is the sixth county to have this work started. Jackson County

TO UPHOLD THE LEAGUE TO THE END

PRESIDENT SAYS THAT HE WILL
FIGHT FOR THE CAUSE AS
LONG AS HE LIVES.

PEACE TREATY IS NEW CHARTER FOR THE WORLD

President Says Covenant Is "Shot Through" With American Principles and Would Substitute Arbitration and Consultation for Force—Effective Disarmament Can Be Had.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 6.—The President appealed to the crowd here to support the peace treaty as a charter for a new order of world affairs. He spoke to a capacity audience. He and Mrs. Wilson were cheered by thousands.

The President declared that the treaty was "shot through" with American principles, but there by the common consent of the world. He declared that it would substitute arbitration and consultation for force, and predicted that effective disarmament will be accomplished under the covenant.

"There is no way to dispense with great armaments without agreement by the great nations of the world, and here is the agreement," he said. "The intrigue which has terrorized Europe for ages has been ended. Germany may be the only great nation left out of the league unless we decide to stay out and come in later with Germany," said the President.

The President asked the audience not to think he had come out to fight or antagonize anybody. "I have the greatest respect for the senate, but have come out to fight for a cause greater than the senate and I intend to fight for that cause, in office or out, as long as I live."

SPEAKS AT DES MOINES.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 6.—President Wilson made his second address of the day here tonight when he spoke in the Des Moines Coliseum. The Coliseum was filled to capacity. Every eye was taken for many were standing. Earlier in the day he had spoken in Kansas City, more than 200 miles away.

An escort of airplanes dropped flowers on the President's train as it approached the city and he was cheered as he rode through the streets.

(Continued on Page 4)

DEATH CLAIMS W. B. SARGENT

LA GRANDE SUSTAINS LOSS OF
PROMINENT CITIZEN.

Demise Follows Illness of Long Stand-
ing—Funeral From Elks' Home
Monday Afternoon.

William Bleecker Sargent, one of La Grande's most prominent citizens, died at his home at 1906 Second street, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Sargent had been in failing health for over a year and last spring underwent an operation which relieved him for a short time. During the past two weeks his condition was such as to leave practically no hope for recovery.

He leaves a wife and four children. William Donald, who returned in February from service in France; Howard, aged eight; Helen, aged six, and Merrill, aged two. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, D. W. and Frank H. Sargent, and Mrs. Cora Senear, of Sargent, N. Y., and Mrs. Ralph Byram, of Yonkers, N. Y.

William Bleecker Sargent was born at Fort Edwards, N. Y., October 4, 1867, and was 68 years, 11 months and one day old at the time of his death. When a small boy his family removed to Albany, N. Y., and at the age of sixteen he came west to Omaha where he remained until 1889 in which year he came to Hilgard where he looked after logging contracts for his employers, an Omaha firm. The following year he located in La Grande and entered upon a business career for himself. He was associated for a time in the real estate business with the late R. E. Bryan, and later conducted a real estate and insurance business on his own account.

He was one of the original incorporators of the La Grande Investment Company in 1898, of which company he was president and J. K. Wright was secretary. With this company he was continuously connected up to the 12th of last month, when, on account of failing health, he sold his interest in the company to Sherman Williams.

Mr. Sargent was always very active in civic and business affairs and a willing assistant in all plans for community betterment. He served a term or two as member of the city council, and was prominent in all public affairs. He was a member of La Grande Lodge No. 433, B. P. O. E., and was a past exalted ruler of the order; also a member of the building committee which had charge of the construction of the Elks' Home. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythia Lodge, the Woodmen of the World and the Modern Brotherhood of America.

While a resident of Omaha, thirty

(Continued on Page 2)

STRIKE OF MINERS IS SERIOUS

GOVERNOR OF WEST VIRGINIA
CONFERES WITH SECRETARY
BAKER ON SITUATION

REPORT THAT MACHINE GUNS ARE IN READINESS

C. F. Keeney, President of District 17 of the United Mine Workers of America, makes effort to dissuade Men From Over Acts Following Conference With Governor

CHARLESTON, West Virginia, Sept. 6.—Despite the pleas of Governor John Cornwell last night that they return to their homes, 600 miners said to be armed left Coal River today. They started marching across the mountains to Coal River where it is understood they plan to force the unionization of the miners.

May Ask Federal Aid.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Governor Cornwell, of West Virginia, communicated with Secretary Baker today relative to the possible necessity of sending troops due to the coal strike situation. It is reported that the Oak Grove miners were joined by 3000 more at Racine. All are armed. Coal mine operators are reported to have unloaded a car load of machine guns to different places in Logan county.

Union President Is Pacific.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 6.—C. F. Keeney, president of District 17 Coal Mine Workers of America, in a telephone conversation with Governor Cornwell, tonight stated that the 1500 miners at Danville would call for the unionizing of Logan county and would return to their homes tomorrow. Keeney left Charleston at noon in an automobile in an effort to avert the miners from proceeding further, after a conference with Governor Cornwell.

Tacoma Daily Newspapers Do Not Attempt to Print When Printers Strike

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
TACOMA, Sept. 6.—Newspapers in Tacoma made no attempt to publish today, following the walkout of the printers yesterday.

Late tonight all printers were ordered back to work by the union.

MONDAY TO SEE SCHOOLS OPEN

ALL BUT THREE TEACHERS RE-
PORT YESTERDAY.

Supl. Hampton Says Buildings Are In
Good Shape and Future
Is Bright.

All but three teachers for the coming year have arrived in La Grande and reported at the special teachers' meeting called Saturday morning by A. C. Hampton, superintendent of La Grande schools. The absent three will probably arrive in time to be ready for work on Monday morning.

The youngsters are requested to bring a pencil and tablet with them on Monday morning. The teachers will give the pupils their book lists on Monday morning and they can then purchase them down town.

Superintendent Hampton reports that the buildings are all in good shape and that everything is looking like the coming year would be one of the banner years in schoolwork. All day yesterday the teachers were out looking for rooms and it seemed almost a hopeless case. At a late hour last night, some of them were not sure of a room for the night, as the local hotels were filled to capacity, and had it not been for some of the townspeople opening their homes for a few days, some of the teachers may have had to walk the streets last night.

Following are the teachers for the different schools and their subjects and grades:

High School.—H. M. DuBois, principal, mathematics and economics; Florence Rees, history and library; E. D. Fowler, science; Helen Curry, English and history; May Nell, English, Spanish and French; Naomi Williamson, English; Leslie Campbell, commercial; Cornelia Hess, mathematics; Hazel Magnuson, domestic science and art; E. A. McEachran, manual training; Kathleen Rye, music; Blanche Clark, penmanship and art; Mildred Riddle, Latin; Jeannette Wheatley, physical education; Jessie Fariss, English and history.

Central School.—Janet Jones, principal, eighth; Stella Ingule, one; Susanna Deal, one A; Genevieve McClaran, second; Anabel Brown, second and third; Nell Mahaffey, third; Helen L. Hansen, second; Mildred Force, third and fourth; Mollie Snider, fourth; Mrs. Geo. Carpy, fifth; Hulda Anderson, sixth; Lena Foster, fifth and sixth; Mrs. E. A. McEachran, seventh and eighth; Marie Groves, seventh and eighth; Gladys Douglas, seventh and eighth.

River School.—Nellie G. Neill, principal, first grade; Mary Bibberstein, second; Nina Kane, third; Carol Curry, fourth; Ethel Ellis, fifth; Ellen Maxwell, sixth; Mabel Cleaver, seventh; Edith Bark, eighth.

Greenwood School.—R. A. Walker, principal, eighth grade; Esther R. Ryan, first; Ruth Adler, first; Eva Hendrickson, second; Vivian C. Okey, third; Alvada Peterson, fourth; Clem McKinney, fifth; Gladys Stewart, sixth; Arvilla Beckwith, seventh.

ARMISTICE DID NOT STOP DEAL

GENERAL DISQUE ADMITS THAT
TIMBER WAS PURCHASED
AFTERWARD.

TOLEDO MILL WAS BUILT TOSAW UP BLODGETT TRACT

Warren Company Builds Twenty-three
Miles of Railroad and Timber Was
Purchased After Armistice In Order
to Give the Railroad Value, Accord-
ing to Testimony at Hearing.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, Sept. 6.—Under cross-examination by Congressman Magee, Republican member of the congressional investigating committee, General Bruce P. Disque testified that the Blodgett tract of timber in Lincoln county, Oregon, was acquired after the armistice was signed. This was done, according to the General's testimony, to give value to twenty-three miles of railroad built by the Warren Spruce Company to the tract. He stated that the government had threatened to commandeer the tract.

Referring to the government mill at Toledo, Disque said it was built to saw lumber from the Blodgett tract. He estimated the available spruce at three hundred and fifty million feet and that it would keep the mill running for six hundred days, sawing enough lumber for from thirty to ninety airplanes each day.

After General Disque completes his testimony, Stanley Davis, a former spruce division soldier who was court-martialed at Vancouver, may give his testimony.

The above testimony is important in the hearing because it fits in with the Oregon spruce development which was so severely criticised by civilians during the war and branded as a lavish expenditure of money. The Warren Spruce Co. is well known as the Warrens are associated with other branches of industry in the state.

AMBASSADOR IS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Ambassador Jusserand, of France, was the principal speaker at the Franco-American exercises celebrating the anniversary of the birth of Lafayette and of the battle of the Marne. Messages were read from President Poincaré, General Pershing and Secretary Lansing.

Mrs. Lodesche Graham Elected Labor Queen

K.-O.-M. PICNIC TODAY

Prospects Are For Large Crowd at
Seventh Annual Reunion.

The seventh annual reunion and picnic of the former Kansas, Oklahoma and Missourians at Riverside Park today promises to be a record breaking affair, as the officers have assurances of many coming from all parts of the valley.

Refreshments have been provided for all in the way of coffee, ice cream, etc., as additional dainties to the noon lunch, and all former residents of those three states are invited to bring their baskets and join the big spread.

After dinner the program will continue at 1:30 and with an opportunity to hear Rev. G. L. Clark, to which will be added a good diversified program, the afternoon promises to be rare treat. The public in general is invited to attend and listen to the program, which will be held in the pavilion.

Closing one of the most heated and exciting events La Grande has ever had with the final count of the ballots cast during the week for labor queen, Mrs. Lodesche Graham was declared winner by a margin of a few thousand votes over her nearest rival, Miss Mae Keefe.

Friends of all the young ladies in the zone were vigorous in their support and they campaigned vigorously until the alarm clock told the large audience at the carnival that the voting was over.

As soon as the votes were compiled by the Labor Council judges, which took some little time, the result was announced and the queen, which had been brought up so tightly during yesterday's relaxed in the knowledge that the contest was over and the labor queen for La Grande was to be crowned.

(Continued on Page 4)

