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## Lecturer Here Tonight



"The first assignment I had on a newspaper was to interview General U. S. Grant," remarked Ohio Read, a novelist, short story writer and lecturer of national renown, who is with the Chautauqua, arriving in La Grande this morning on No. 24 in company with his wife. "As is usually the case with great men, I found him kind, simple and unassuming in his manner. Instead of going into lengthy discussions of politics and public questions, he was inclined to talk of his early boyhood.

"Grant's earliest ambition was to own a pony. Rather surprising, but it was his only ambition, with the exception of making a living, which was a necessity. He accomplished this by hauling wood and working in a tannery until he managed to go to West Point. And the first money that General Grant made was by carrying water from the town pump for some distance, for which he received five cents."

Mr. Read then inquired about the strike situation in La Grande and in reference to the matter he stated, "In my opinion this is the beginning of a great and final decision of the matter of unionism. Both sides will attempt to make this their final end of the matter and it means either the end of unionism or the perpetuation of it. My idea on unionism is when unionism aids the worker and protects him it is all right, but when it is used to further individual purposes and to advance one man above one who is more skilled—it is all wrong."

Mr. and Mrs. Read will be in La Grande this evening as guests of the Savoy.

## MONOPOLY IS CHARGED BY GAME WARDEN

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, July 24.—Declaring that the proposed constitutional amendment to do away with traps, wheels and seines for salmon fishing in the Columbia river would give will netters a monopoly and would cripple fish hatcheries, Master Fish Warden Baker, announced he would file at Salem today an argument against the amendment.

Snomaker, in his argument, charged an attempt had been made to "hold up" fishing interests in connection with the filing of the initiative amendment.

**FIRE SPECTATOR HURT.**  
SPOKANE, Wash., July 24.—Struck by a stream of water and knocked to the pavement while watching a fire at the Holley-Mason Hardware company fire, Charles Roberts, a spectator, died at the emergency hospital here. It is thought his skull was fractured from the fall.

## BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.)  
DUBLIN, July 24.—The national army troops gained a fresh victory in West Ireland, capturing Ballyvaughan County Mayo, from the Republican irregulars. The national army triumph in the capture of Limerick was swiftly followed by success in the surrounding district. A number of minor victories were added.

SPOKANE, July 24.—Burglars who broke open 30 vaults on six floors of the Pabst building Saturday night stole over \$100,000.

PORTLAND, July 24.—The Heron creek fire is reported checked today after reaching within half a mile of the Columbia river highway.

## Farmers' Excursion to be Held Next Thursday

What is the best variety of winter wheat for the Grande Ronde valley? What variety of spring wheat should be grown? How thick should wheat be seeded? How can soil fertility and crop yields be maintained? How can the increase in loss due to weeds be eliminated? These are some of the questions the farmers' excursion to be held next Thursday at Alfalfa and Sutherlyville sections.

Sports of crop tests at the Alfalfa Experiment station during the past 10 years, by D. E. Stephens, will be of much interest in connection with the tour.

The excursion of the day's trip includes visits to winter and spring wheat demonstration plots, small demonstration plots, weed control plots, and examples of alfalfa as a fertilizer. Farms to be visited include the N. K. West, Duncan McDonald, W. R. Ledbetter, C. E. Wagon, Frank McConnon, Hugh Horton, Charles Robinson, J. A. Gaskill, Collier Chouteau and B. E. Kuhn.

H. G. Avery, county agent, who is assisting in the arrangements, asks that those attending bring a basket of lunch. A picnic dinner will be held at noon near the N. K. West ranch. The farm tour is arranged for refreshments to supplement the lunch. The excursion will leave La Grande at 10:00 a. m.

## BITUMINOUS OPERATORS MEET TODAY

Effort Being made to bring About Distribution Plan.

### GOVERNMENT HAS MEN AT MEETING

Central Committee to be Created on which Federal Departments and Operators will be Represented.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, July 24.—Operators from producing districts of six states in conference today with Secretary Hoover agreed in principle with the administration's plan for maintaining prices and insuring fuel distribution during the strike emergency. The committee is to attempt framing a scheme which will not conflict with the law relating to monopolies and conspiracies in restraint of trade.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, July 24.—Bituminous operators from six states are here to work out a plan for cooperation with the government and the railroad in a coal distribution scheme. The plan contemplates the creation of a central committee with representatives from the departments of commerce, justice, interior and interstate commerce, commission and operators through the local committees in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Alabama.

## MORE DEPUTIES GIVE UP STAB

Several more deputy sheriffs who were sworn in for the purpose of guarding the railroad companies have been cancelled, due to either having quit or having been requested to turn in their stars.

Last week five were taken off the official list and three had been dropped preliminary to that. According to the sheriff no more deputies have been sworn in since then.

## KHALED TEMPLE PLANS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Khaled Temple No. 176 will be held Wednesday evening at the K. of P. Hall. This is not a committee meeting but a meeting of all members and among other important matters to come up will be details pertaining to the coming convention. It is important that all Dokes attend.

## STRIKE STILL EFFECTIVE IS REPORT MADE

Local Strike Committee Official Returns from Trip to Portland where he Surveyed Conditions.

G. B. Forward, vice-chairman of the local strike committee, returned from Portland Saturday having made a survey of conditions in Portland. He reported that all roads running out of Portland are feeling the effects of the shipmen's strike. Engine failures, he said, continue, and said that the train on which he left Portland suffered an engine failure before it left the station in Portland. After an hour's delay another engine was brought from Albina.

He said that at The Dalles the men are all out yet and that there he found one La Grande man working as a boilermaker. A very small force of men is at work at The Dalles and the same is true at Elsie, while the force at Albina is far from normal, he declared, and put 20 per cent of the Albina force are mechanics.

Mr. Forward reports that many cars are getting in bad order and are being set out all along the line. He also observed signs in business houses in Elsie and Pendleton stating "We do not solicit patronage from strike breakers or strike guards."

In Portland union labor is giving its full support to the strikers and the shop crafts are not handicapped by lack of money. The foreigners, including Chinese and Japanese, all went out in Albina. Mr. Forward states. Two of the three women at the Albina shops also went out with the men.

The northside of Portland is being secured by railroad representatives for union. Mr. Forward states, but with little success, as the men making their headquarters there are mainly mill hands, loggers and sailors. Representatives of the Great Northern Northern Pacific, O. W. R. & N. S. P. and B. are all trying to get men in Portland now.

There is no unanimity among the strikers on any part of the O. W. R. & N. S. as well as the other roads coming into Portland.

Today the strike committee reported that a chair car was passed by a car inspector with the brake rigging broken.

The strike committee today reported that the recent wreck at Vincent, in which one life was lost, was due to a defective brake rod and that had the car been inspected it would not have been allowed to move, the rod being almost in two.

Many merchants placed cards in their windows today stating that the business of strike breakers and strike breaker guards is not especially solicited.

(By Associated Press.)  
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## UNION DAY TO BE POSTPONED

Because the date conflicts with a fraternal convention in Union, the Union Commercial Club has asked to have Union Day at the Chautauqua postponed from Tuesday to Wednesday or Thursday. On the date to be announced at the Chautauqua tonight, the Union people will close up their stores and are coming over in numbers. They will bring picnic lunches and Chautauqua patrons of La Grande will do likewise, with the result that there will be a happy group of people lunching at the par the evening designated.

The Observer will be able to announce tomorrow just when the Union people are coming.

### POWDERED MILK PLANT.

HAINE, July 24.—The Haines branch of the Commercial Creamery company, rated as one of the most important of most owned by the company throughout the northwest, has in operation a plant for the production of powdered milk. The new machinery has just been installed and includes an atmospheric drum drier, and is the only plant west of Omaha and this equipped. The product of the drier is packed in sacks weighing about 100 pounds for shipment.

## EMBARGOES CONTINUE ON MANY ROADS

More Train Annunciations are Reported from Chicago.

### FEDERAL OFFICIALS DOING NOTHING NOW

Outcome of Coal Strike Conference may bring Action Again on Shipmen's Strike.

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## DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMS AT CHAUTAUQUA

Week-end Numbers Give Patrons Big Variety of Entertainment; Excellent Programs Tonight and Tuesday.

From Saturday afternoon until Sunday night patrons of the Grande Ronde Chautauqua Association heard one wonderful program after another. Edna Eugenia Lowe, speaking about "Danger Signals on the Road to Health," had men, women and children on the edge of their seats listening to intensely interesting and instructive rules of living which lead to a better life. She demonstrated her lecture with exhibition of exercises and before the afternoon was over she had sick and lame and healthy, going through gymnastics.

The Stearns-Hellekson Trio gave a splendid prelude with piano, cello and violin. The three women are real artists and if any one of them is better than the rest it is Miss Hellekson at the piano, who accompanied Frances Ingram Saturday evening. She was a revelation as an accompanist.

Much has been said about Frances Ingram. Much more could be said for technique, her poise, and her platform bearing are different than any Chautauqua artist that has been here before. She presented the atmosphere of grand opera. Her voice is pleasing and she is all that has been said of her in advance notices. Just where Frances Ingram stands out above other great artists that have been in La Grande is in her selection of numbers. She sang selections from "Samson and Delilah" and "Cry of Rachel," and other operas that give her an opportunity to show what she can do but that is not the point. For the first time in years La Grande audiences have heard an artist that had the good common sense to make simple old familiar airs the predominant feature of her program. She is to be commended.

Sunday was a great day. The Patrons Brothers Trio got away to a whirlwind start and they put on a popular program Saturday afternoon that was entirely different from the usual run. They presented episodes portraying different phases of music from the sublime to the ridiculous, doing it in costume. They are not only good musicians but they are regular fellows who have not lost their contact with popular audiences. Captain Noyce and his band played in the main for peace and friendship between the English-speaking peoples of the world. He covered a season of eight countries of history with remarkable rapidity and gave his audience facts and historical events really worth while, but the outstanding feature of his lecture was the concrete picture of the troubles in Ireland. It is a safe venture that not one person in 100 had a clear notion of what the variance and bloodshed in Ireland has been about until they heard Captain Noyce.

Up to today there has not been a dry moment in any program and the assemblages of the local directors that this year's numbers are far superior to last year's have been made good.

In the forenoon Rev. George H. Quigley conducted religious services which were both interesting and well received.

The Oceanic Quintet put on a musical program this afternoon and appeared again tonight in a prelude. Combined with the ever-popular sage Ohio Read, tonight's program should be up to the highest standard of the week.

Tomorrow night comes the attraction that should provide an evening of unusual entertainment when the Personal-Vivian players present "Cappi Ricks." This is a comedy presented in dramatic form and will be acted out to the entire enjoyment of the audience. This is the feature entertainment number of the whole program.

### FINE CHERRIES AT NORTH POWDER.

NORTH POWDER, July 24.—John Simons, who just recently started an orchard on his place at Wolf Creek, brought in some of the first fruit produced by his cherry trees. To say the cherries are wonderful is putting it mildly. They are of the Bing and Lambert variety, big and luscious, and cannot be beaten in any orchard in the state.

## MAINTENANCE OF WAY MEN AVOID STRIKE

Local Official Returns from Conferences in Omaha.

### MEN WIN OUT IN THE CONTROVERSY

Railway Labor Board Scored by Mr. Stitt; old Pay Re-established; Overtime to be Paid.

Chas. E. Stitt, vice-chairman of the maintenance of way employees and railway shop laborers of the O. W. R. & N. S. System, returned today from Omaha, where he was in conference with the Union Pacific officials. The maintenance of way organization succeeded in having its difficulties settled in a satisfactory way at these conferences. Mr. Stitt said, regarding the agreements arrived at, "We arrived at a satisfactory settlement, which was probably more than we had expected. We were successful in having the previous rate of pay re-established."

"Mr. Jeffries, general manager of the Union Pacific system, assured us of his willingness to place back in effect the eight-hour day with time and a half for overtime after the eighth hour of service and for Sunday as well. These conditions were all taken from us by the railroad labor board's decisions."

"We believe that had it not been for the interference of the so-called labor board that the employers and managers of the roads would have arrived at a satisfactory settlement and that the strike of the shopmen would have been avoided. Mr. Jeffries also stated to us during the course of the conference that we know our conditions far better than any labor board could possibly know them and that it was his opinion that we should settle our own affairs between ourselves."

"As far as the maintenance of way employees are concerned on the Union Pacific system, I believe we have arrived at an agreement that will be entirely satisfactory, but this will not alter our stand in standing by the shopmen in their demand for fair pay and should it become necessary believe our organization will not hesitate to call a sympathetic strike in order that justice may be had."

"I further quote Mr. Jeffries on the question put to us regarding whether any local officials of the different units of the Union Pacific system made any effort to have any maintenance of way men perform the work of any striking employees or work which previous to the strike had not been a part of their regular duties. He stated that if any were taking this attitude that he wished to be advised of such facts as it was not his intention that our men should be asked to perform the work of these men on strike."

"My reply to Mr. Jeffries was that we have some foremen who have taken this attitude but that Mr. Finch, general superintendent of the O. W. R. & N. S. and Mr. Bollens had assured us that it was not the policy of the road to require maintenance of way men to do any of the work that prior to the trouble was done by others."

"The railway employees' disagreement with the government, but with the privately owned railways, regardless of repeated statements of Chairman Hooper of the railway labor board."

**TRAIN WRECK HURTS TWO.**  
ENID, Okla., July 24.—A woman and her small child were injured when three cars of Frisco passenger train No. 611 overturned near Fairmont.

**GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER**

BY CRACKY!  
THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS

Democracy Rules on Country Club Links

The La Grande Country Club is a democratic institution in more ways than one. One of the things that has been true for a long time is that it has been a place where the rich and the poor have been able to play golf on a level that is fair to all. It has been a place where the wealthy men and women who can spend much money on golf have been able to play with the poor men and women who can spend only a few cents. It has been a place where the rich and the poor have been able to play golf on a level that is fair to all.

The local club, however, is putting the great Scotch game into the class of democratic sports. This is noticeable on the 9th where the golfers of the links are sometimes displaced by the overalls of the farmers. And more often by the business suit of the business man, clerk or mechanic off duty.

From the viewpoint of expense, one enthusiastic golfer declared today that golf is everyman's game when the club is organized on the lines of the local club. With over 100 members the expenses of each member are held down to the minimum after he has paid his initial membership dues. The

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### Weather

Tonight and Tuesday, fair.