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## CONSOLIDATE RAILROADS, SAYS HARDING

### Favors Small Number of Systems to Help Weaker Roads.

## WOULD CONTINUE THE LABOR BOARD

### President Makes Second Formal Speech of Western Trip at Kansas City to Large Audience.

KANSAS CITY, June 23.—Consolidation of the railroads of the country into a small number of systems is a rational justifiable step, full of promise towards solution of the transportation problem, President Harding declared here Friday night in the second prepared address of his western trip.

"If the system consolidations will not afford the solution," he said, "then our failure will enforce a healthier experiment and the one great commitment which I hope the United States will forever escape."

The executive expressed the belief that this one great commitment—of the real estate owned by the Y at a large price in order to put it out of debt, it was thought perhaps the running expenses could be secured and the institution operated successfully.

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After lengthy discussion and the settling out of every possible plan to finance it, the board admitted the impossibility and ordered the Y closed on July 1st.

Secretary Pryke will handle the Boy Scout camp in July and it was voted to accept his resignation, which has been on the table for several months. The first day of August, Chairman Albert Hunter appointed T. J. Scroggin, A. C. Hampton and S. D. Crowe as a committee to take charge of the building and handle it to the best advantage possible until such time should arrive that it should be re-opened or sold.

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## RED CROSS WILL DEVELOP YOUTH

### Children of Nation to Be Taught the Merit of Work for Fellowman.

Returning from a meeting of the Red Cross chapter of Eastern Oregon Mrs. Fay Catlin, who represented the La Grande chapter, said today that the Dallas meeting, while covering many important points, seemed to stress the future work of Red Cross among the juniors of the country.

By this it is meant a campaign of education will be waged among the young in an endeavor to impress upon the children what it means to render service to fellowmen, to relieve suffering, to establish ideals which go higher than money consideration and to make of humanity a brotherhood which in time of stress and trouble will develop the Red Cross into that pillar on which suffering humanity may lean and be aided.

All chapters east of the Cascade mountains were represented at the Dallas meeting.

## Weather Forecast

Portland, June 23.—Showers tonight and Sunday with moderate winds mostly southerly.

## Bohnenkamp Buys Stock

A business transaction occurred recently of considerable interest when the W. H. Bohnenkamp company of La Grande purchased the stock of Floyd McKennon's farm implement concern. No knowledge of the transaction was circulated until the deal was closed and the sale came as a surprise to all.

The new owners have not yet decided how they will house the stock but may build a new warehouse. No further announcements of the sale were made.

## Y. M. C. A. WILL CLOSE JULY 1ST

### Impossible to Finance Expense of Institution and Board Votes to Close It.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. last evening a motion prevailed to close the institution on July 1st because it is apparently impossible to keep up the running expenses and pay the interest on the mortgaged indebtedness.

The action last evening was anything but hasty for the board has been wrestling with this problem for months. Each meeting indicated that the day was approaching when it must be closed unless the rank and file of the people rallied to its support.

A year ago when, through the kindness of one or two who made direct donations and purchased some of the real estate owned by the Y at a large price in order to put it out of debt, it was thought perhaps the running expenses could be secured and the institution operated successfully.

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## RODEO TO BE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON

NORTH POWDER, Ore., June 23.—Heavy rains, resulting in a very muddy track, yesterday resulted in the postponement of the second day's program of the Powder River Rodeo which opened Thursday with a record-breaking crowd in attendance. Announcement was made that the program will be staged Sunday afternoon.

Today the scheduled program will be carried out weather permitting and bucksters, who were disappointed yesterday, will undoubtedly be present in masses. The rodeo's night program is attracting many and the features are proving most entertaining.

## CHAMBER TO GO ON A VACATION

### Tuesday Luncheon Will Be Last Meeting Until September of Union County Chamber of Commerce.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce will hold its last meeting Tuesday noon until next September, at which time the weekly meetings will be resumed after a six weeks' cessation of activities. G. L. Larison, president of the chamber, is requesting all members to be present at the final meeting of the 1922-23 fall-winter-spring season.

The new set of by-laws and the constitution adopted last week will be up for amendment Tuesday and several other business matters will come before those present. A musical program will also be arranged.

## PROHIBITION OVERTURNED IN MANITOBA

### Goes "Wet" by Steadily Increasing Majority, Now Numbering Over 25,000 Votes.

(By Associated Press) WINNEPEG, June 23.—Manitoba has gone "wet" by a sweeping majority which went beyond 25,000 in Winnipeg, and which was increasing slowly as outlying districts were heard from.

The bill of the moderation league was endorsed by voters yesterday and the policy of prohibition presented by the Manitoba temperance act, the law of the province for seven years, was overturned.

Under the new act the government will administer the sale of beverage liquor.

Dry Agents Make Haul PHILADELPHIA, June 23.—Champagne and other wines were seized Friday in a raid by prohibition agents on an establishment on 8th street, near Fairmount avenue. A warrant for the arrest of Joseph Wilen, the alleged proprietor, will be issued Saturday.

The seizure netted 185,000 gallons of various kinds of wine and 27 cases of choice champagne, it was said.

Six clerks, the prohibition agents declared, were busy waiting on customers when they entered.

## CHANGES THE NAME OF "CABBAGE HILL"

BAKER, June 23.—The name "Cabbage Hill" which has long been one of the land marks of the Old Oregon Trail, where it drops from the Blue mountains into the Umatilla valley, will no longer appear on the map under that common title. The hill will hereafter be marked as Emigrant Hill. Announcement of the change was received here today by W. E. Meacham from Editor E. B. Aldrich, of the East Oregonian, who stated that name had been selected at a meeting of the Commercial Association of Pendleton. Emigrant means the migration from one country to another, and at the time the pioneers first came to Oregon they were coming from the "States to the Oregon country," hence "Emigrant" instead of immigrant.

The name of Emigrant was one of three proposed by Mr. Meacham, the others being Panorama Hill or Pioneer Hill.

Bonar Law Improving.

LONDON, June 23.—Contrary to reports which have circulated that former Prime Minister Bonar Law's condition was growing increasingly serious, it was stated at his home Friday night that the ex-premier's health was giving no additional cause for alarm.

"He is getting along very well indeed," an inquirer at the residence was informed.

## Wheat Quotations.

PORTLAND, June 23.—Hard White \$1.15; Western Red \$1.05.

## Many Attend Elks Caucus

THE DALLES, June 23.—With hundreds of visitors coming in by auto and train, all parts of Oregon and Washington were represented at the sixth annual convention of the state Elks' organization.

Pledging of all state lodges to support the claim of the Portland lodge for the national convention in 1924, through their delegates at Atlanta was the chief item of discussion.

Covering the 160 miles from Bend to the Dalles in the fast time of 10 hours and 24 minutes, S. Houston of Bear Creek, near Prineville riding the string of Charles Houston, won the pony express race here Friday, taking first prize money of \$700.

Jimmy Taylor riding the Jim Geram string was second, with the time of 11 hours and 12 minutes, winning \$350. Roy Gray won third money of \$1250.

## Officers Elected.

THE DALLES, June 23.—Tillamook was chosen for the 1924 meeting of the Oregon Elk. Frank J. Lonergan, Portland, was elected president; Homer Ross, McMinnville, first vice-president; August Hockstein, Salem, second vice-president; Linn Nichol, Prineville, third vice-president; C. A. Hayden, Klamath Falls, treasurer; and Harold Warner, Pendleton, D. Perozzi, Ashland, J. G. Turner, Tillamook, were re-elected trustees.

## CONVENTION IS MONDAY

### Knight of Pythias to Convene at Wallowa Lake for Annual District Conference.

The Knights of Pythias District convention will be held at Wallowa Lake, Monday, June 25. The district consists of two counties, Union and Wallowa, and a large attendance is expected. Wallowa lake, one of the most beautiful lakes in Oregon, is an ideal setting for such a meeting.

D. G. C. Ben Weathers, of Enterprise, has announced that the convention will assemble at the head of the lake at one o'clock in the afternoon with a picnic held at the same time for the women and children. The lodge meeting will be held in the new Branch line club house from two until four o'clock, the grand officers to put on work in the rank of page assisted by members of various attending lodges.

Following the afternoon session games, sports and races will occupy the hours before six o'clock at which time a big picnic dinner will be staged under the pines. A short program and social evening will complete the day's list of events. Dancing will be in order from nine until twelve o'clock.

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## CENTRAL WEST SIZZLES; EAST GIVEN RELIEF

### Great Lakes District and Plains States See No Break in Heat in Sight; Death Toll Mounting.

CHICAGO, June 23.—Central United States continued to mop its brow Friday, as abnormally high temperatures remained, although reports showed a drop in high temperatures in the east and a rise from low temperatures in the west.

The great lakes district and most of the upper plain states, which have been suffering under the blaze of a heat wave since Monday, were given no cheering news from weather observers for Saturday, forecasts in the main indicating continued fair and warm.

The Atlantic coast, Washington, Philadelphia and other eastern cities which felt the effects of some of the highest temperatures of the year Thursday and Friday, found relief in a moderation of several degrees.

From the west, where heavy frosts and unseasonable cool weather have been reported, forecasts indicated a slight rise in temperature. Southern states are promised a continuation of present weather, which has not been abnormally high. Alaska Friday had an "Esquimo" heat wave, with temperatures reaching as high as 85 at Eagles. Honolulu's beaches reported 80 degrees, with plenty of cooling breezes.

## One Death at Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 23.—The twenty-second death caused by the excessive heat this week was reported Friday. The thermometer at all men, were reported. The thermometer was 87 degrees at noon.

## Heat Grips Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., June 23.—Ohio Friday was still held in the grip of a heat wave which has taken a toll of 30 lives since Monday. Numerous prostrations have been reported.

Eight deaths in the state Thursday were charged to the torrid weather. Thermometers in some sections registered as high as 97, the year's maximum.

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## Huge Timber Sale Is Made

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, June 23.—Gen. H. Kelley today purchased from the forest service here approximately 685,000,000 feet of timber at \$1,500,000.

The sale is believed to foreshadow great developments along the Ntron-Klamath Falls cutoff of the S. P. railroad and the upper regions of the Cascade.

Chief Forester Greeley said this is one of the finest bodies of timber in the Pacific northwest.

## CONDEMNATION SUIT TO JURY

### Case of Attempt to Secure Right-of-Way Is Completed at 11:30 O'clock This Morning.

The trial of the case concerning the condemnation of lands along the La Grande-Joseph highway came to a close this morning in the circuit court at 11:30 o'clock when the jury retired to deliberate and to arrive at a verdict.

Judge J. W. Knowles, of the circuit court presided and Ed. Wright, prosecuting attorney of Union county, and J. M. Devers, assistant attorney general of the state of Oregon, represented the plaintiff, Union county, while Attorneys G. T. Cochran and Cecil Eberhard represented the defendants.

The Vandermuellen place, located just beyond the crossing of the other side of Alice and the Friswold place, just north of Alice, were the properties through which the plaintiffs are attempting to secure the right of way for the highway.

Just before the Evening Observer went to press the jury, in the case involving the condemnation of properties on the La Grande-Joseph highway, was still deliberating. A verdict is expected late this afternoon.

## LEGION PICNIC HELD AT PARK

### Attendance Was Very Satisfactory; Business Meeting Followed Picnic.

Several hundred were in attendance at the Legion picnic last night at the park. Each Legion man was permitted to invite two friends.

At six o'clock the picnic started, each bringing their own baskets laden with cats, and ice cream and coffee were furnished by the Legion.

Following the dinner the Legion and Auxiliary each held meetings, when they discussed plans for the 3rd and 4th of July at Top O' Blue Mountains. They also took under advisement the purchase of sufficient lots for burial of 25 service men if they wish to be buried there, and the purchase of instruments for the forming of a fife, bagle and drum corps.

At nine o'clock they started dancing, music being furnished by Lonoy's nine-piece orchestra.

## Treasury Official Quits.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The resignation of S. Parker Gilbert, Jr., an under-secretary of the treasury, was announced by Secretary Mellon Friday night, prior to his departure for a two months' vacation in Europe. Mr. Gilbert will leave the treasury post as soon after Mr. Mellon's return as conditions permit, probably in October, to return to the practice of law.

## Livathan Speeds Up.

Aboard the Steamship Leviathan, June 23.—The reconditioned Leviathan, returning to New York on her trial cruise Friday, set a new steamship speed record of 28.04 knots an hour. The previous record, held by the Mauretania, was 27.5 knots an hour.

## Speaks on Agriculture.

(By Associated Press) HUTCHINSON, Kansas, June 23.—President Harding brought to the agricultural mind west today a message of optimism with a prediction that the worst of the post-war depression had passed and that gradual improvement could be reasonably expected.

In an address devoted to discussion of the agricultural situation, the chief executive reviewed the measures taken by the government to aid the farmers, placing at the forefront the farm credits legislation enacted by the last congress. "This legislation when carried out," he said, "will be capable of furnishing the American farmer, for the first time in the history of agriculture in any country, adequate investment and working capital on terms as favorable as those accorded to commerce and industry."

Furthermore, he said, it will tend to restore fair prices for farm products and aid the farmer in lifting debts incurred during the period of depression.

"I confirm a frank pride in the government's part in bettering a situation against which you justly complained and which all the people of the nation deplored," the president told his audience in this agricultural state.

"The cooperation of all the governmental agencies, and with them the cooperation of the fine forces of leadership which the great national farm organizations have developed, made it possible to secure a measure of helpful results in this department of our endeavors, which has been especially gratifying. Moreover, it has found prompt reflection in the im-

## AUTHORITIES RAID BALTIC FOR LIQUOR

### British Steamship Searched for Intoxicants by U. S. Officials

## FATE OF LIQUOR EXCITING ENGLAND

### Two Ocean Liners Steam into Harbor With Sealed Stocks in Spite of U. S. Bone-Dry Ruling.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Uncle Sam, after starting to seize Johnny Bull's liquor on the steamship Baltic today, halted, scratched his head and later resumed a raid on the steamship's lockers stocked with liquor under the British government seal, intended for use on the homeward voyage.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who promulgated the dry ruling which the Baltic, Berengaria, and Paris have defied, joined officials at Washington in profession ignorance of a reason for the pause, and officials at the customs house locked in conference could not be reached.

At the office of the White Star Line it was stated that no injunction proceedings had been instituted.

## All England Excited.

LONDON, June 23.—The fate of the liquor on board the Berengaria and the Baltic and the issue that goes with it, absorbs the public interest today and are the main topics of conversation everywhere. Morning papers give their important space to cablegrams from New York and to various aspects of the situation, as seen here. Much prominence is given to the complete absence from the controversy maintained by the British government.

## Duty Rollings.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Two ocean liners flying the Union Jack steamed into New York harbor Friday with stocks of liquor for the trip home, despite the fact that Uncle Sam had said they must cross the three-mile limit boundary.

All day long the waterfront waited to see federal agents pounce on the liquor, breaking the British government seal which, for the trip home, were stamped and carrying away the wet goods. But late Friday the liquor remained untouched. Officials at the customs house announced that seizure would be made Saturday morning.

## KLAN TO PARADE DESPITE THREAT

NEW YORK, June 23.—The Ku Klux Klan will parade in New York with complete regalia, in defiance of Mayor Hylan's threat to break up any such demonstration with police, King Kleagle Johnson of New York state announced Friday.

"We have complied with the provisions of the membership corporation law and other laws, and have a right there," he said.

More than 1,000 candidates are reported to have been initiated at a Klan meeting at East Islip, Long Island, Thursday night, at which 25,000 members are estimated to have been present.

## Harding Shows He Hasn't Forgotten His Farm Days

(By Associated Press) HUTCHINSON, Kansas, June 23.—President Warren G. Harding went into an hundred-acre Kansas wheat field near here today, drove the binder, shucked up some of the harvested grain in both Kansas and Ohio ways and obtained first hand information as to the problems of the Middle Western wheat farmers.

The chief executive demonstrated he had not forgotten his farm days in Ohio.

As he climbed down from the tractor which drew a ten-foot binder Governor Davis, of Kansas, exclaimed, "You are some farmer, Mr. President," and several of the farm hands called out "you are all right, chief."

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