

Highway Now Lined With Celebrants

RUHR CENTER OF SABOTAGE AND REPRISAL

Eyes of the World Again Turned to Germany's Industrial Section.

BELGIANS PLANNING STRICT MEASURES

Reprisals by French and Belgians to Be Severe Due to Bombing of Troops; Many Cities Occupied.

(By Associated Press) The Ruhr valley again came to the forefront as a focal point of the reparations struggle between Germany and the Allies, while the Allied differences in policy toward Germany are being threshed out diplomatically in London, Paris and Brussels, deadly sabotage activities by the Germans, such as Saturday's bombing of the Belgian troop train, have been followed by Belgian and French reprisals.

The great Krupp works at Essen have been occupied in whole or in part by the French and the Belgians are seizing hostages and preparing a program that may impose most drastic penalties.

CONFERENCE ENDS SUNDAY

The closing session of the L. D. S. conference was held yesterday afternoon. The meetings Saturday and Sunday were well attended, the out-of-town delegation being especially large. Addresses by the visiting officials were highly interesting and instructive.

The work of the Baker choir under Miss Ida Fossum was perhaps the outstanding musical feature of the conference. The exact precision and rendition of the various choruses numbers directed by this young genius would have done credit to one of mature years.

The demonstration of social work by the primary association of the stake Saturday night was very entertaining as well as instructive and there was a capacity house on this occasion. President Elmer I. Stoddard has considered repeating the program in the near future.

HEART FAILURE WAS CAUSE OF DEATH

Heart failure is believed to be the cause of the death of George Washington Flanders, 69 years of age, who died Saturday evening about seven o'clock while assisting a neighbor harvest his hay crop near Perry.

When medical aid arrived at the scene, the stricken man was beyond human aid.

Mr. Flanders, at the time of his death, was pitching hay in a field near Perry, where he has made his home for the past 22 years. He leaves to mourn his demise his widow and one brother, Cyrus Flanders, of Hammond, Wisconsin. Funeral services will be held at the Bohlenkamp chapel Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. William Crosby Ross delivering the funeral sermon. Interment will be made in the Masonic cemetery.

The Market. PORTLAND, July 2 (AP)—Cattle generally steady, two loads of fancy steers at forty cents, premium at \$7.75; hogs 25 to 30 cents higher, prime light \$8.50 to \$9.00; sheep steady; eggs slow; butter steady.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 2.—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

Due at Top O' Blue Mountains at 9:00 A. M.



Mrs. WARREN G. HARDING

A few minutes before nine o'clock tomorrow morning, a whistle will announce the coming of the special train bearing President Harding and Mrs. Warren G. Harding and the presidential party to Top O' Blue Mountains. The special, which will arrive in Meacham from the state of Washington, passing through Pendleton, will arrive at the depot at 9:00 a. m.

DOCUMENT IS GIVEN SOCIETY

Corvallis Church Gets Gift of Instrument Made in Corvallis in 1851; Given by James D. Slater.

The first Baptist church of Corvallis is just now the recipient of a historic document—a depository statement to the Baptist society at Corvallis written by James H. Slater in the early fifties. It was sent by James D. Slater, of La Grande, and will be treasured by the local society as a trophy handed down from the days when the first Baptist church of Corvallis was in its beginning, one of the clerks of J. C. Avery store was the depository for bibles, and Corvallis was still parading under her maiden name of Marysville, states the Corvallis Gazette Times.

The document recalls the fact that the first Baptist church of Corvallis was organized Christmas Day, 1851, on which occasion there were three converts, one of whom became U. S. senator from Oregon. The officiating clergyman at the organization was Rev. R. C. Hill and James Isaac. According to Matson's "Baptist Annals of Oregon," the "church was organized with six members, three accessions by letter and three by baptism. One of the latter was James H. Slater, since U. S. senator from Oregon.

It is also learned that Ezra Fisher, also John Rexford, who lived in Pleasant Valley, frequently filled the pulpit in the little church. In 1854 when the town took on the name Corvallis, forty additions were reported; and the "Annals" tells us that Tolbert Carter, later state senator, was licensed the next year. In 1856 Rev. Boyskin, of Portland, moved to Corvallis, preaching three Sundays each month to the Baptist congregation. Thus after struggling fifteen years the Baptist brethren succeeded in getting preaching services regularly.

As for Mr. Slater, one of the founders of the local church, he read law, was admitted to practice, married the gifted daughter of Rev. Robert Duke Gray, a Baptist clergyman, moved to La Grande where he practiced law, was elected congressman and was later the first U. S. senator chosen from eastern Oregon.

July 3 and 4 Are Legal Holidays Here This Year

Due to the Old Oregon Trail pageant at Top O' Blue Mountains tomorrow and Wednesday, the La Grande Evening Observer will issue an early morning paper tomorrow and will not issue a paper Wednesday. Both July 3 and 4 are legal holidays in Oregon this year, Governor Walter M. Pierce proclaiming July 3 a legal holiday last week.

A goodly portion of the business houses in La Grande will close their doors either one or two days.

Alleged Moonshiners Arrested NORTH BEND, July 2.—D. B. Kelso, Watt Short and John Ross were arrested last night by Sheriff Ellingsen and state officers. Short and Kelso who have been charged with liquor possession were released on bonds of \$500 and Ross pleaded guilty to having a still in his possession. He was fined \$250 and sent to jail for 30 days. Short and Kelso are to be tried this evening or in the morning. The trio were taken in the South inlet district.

PRESIDENTIAL PARTY TO GET MANY ROSES

Mrs. Cherry Sends Exceptional Message With Fine Bouquet; Ladies of President's Party Are Remembered.

President Harding and his party will not have to wait until they reach Portland to realize that Oregon is a rose state, for today A. B. Cherry announced an exceptional bouquet of eighty roses was ready for Mrs. Harding. This bouquet carries a message of exceptional importance. On the card attached to the beautiful roses is the following:

"In Oregon we grow these roses for you—Dear Mrs. Harding: This bouquet was made by Ida M. (Mrs. A. B.) Cherry of La Grande, Oregon, a daughter of Oregon's late United States senator, James H. Slater (1871-1855). In the fall of 1878, the then Miss Ida Slater, left with the senator for Washington, D. C. and the 400-mile journey between La Grande and Kelton, Wyoming, where a train was boarded, was covered in a stage-coach such as the President will ride in today. Wishing you and the President a delightful day with us and a safe return to Washington, we remain, Sincerely, Ida M. Cherry; A. B. Cherry."

The eighty roses in this bouquet designate the number of years since the first wagon train traveled over the now famous Oregon Trail.

Another bouquet of one hundred fine roses, also grown by Mr. A. B. Cherry, will be presented to the ladies of the Presidential party by Carl Helm, J. H. Pearce of the Federal Land Office, Ralph Huron, postmaster of La Grande, and Bruce Dennis, editor of the Evening Observer.

The card attached to this bouquet carries the following: "Our Eastern friends have planned this year, La Grande took North Powder, who according to reports decided to take Union's place in the Intermentum (Continued on Page Three)

O. A. C. Graduate Writes Song. CORVALLIS, July 2.—"I need You So," a song introduced in Portland this week, is the composition of William de Macedo, a 1923 graduate in agriculture.

ALASKA HAS ITS OWN CHICAGO. UNALASKA, Aleutian Islands, July 2.—Alaska now has her own Chicago. Lost Harbor, on Adak Island, was christened Chicago with much ceremony last winter. It has been learned from the crew of the coast guard cutter Haida.

The Haida is the first boat in since last November, bringing news and mail from the "outside."

Mrs. Warren G. Harding To See the Pageant



Mrs. Warren G. Harding, first lady of the nation, who is accompanying President Harding on his Alaskan trip. The presidential party arrives tomorrow at Meacham and will spend the day witnessing the Old Oregon Trail pageant.

PIRATES CLEAN NORTH POWDER

Final Score in Game, Featured by Hits and Errors, 17 to 8 in favor of La Grande.

	P	W	L	Pct.
Baker	10	8	2	.800
Cove	9	7	2	.778
La Grande	9	5	4	.555
Powder	9	0	9	.000

Sunday's Results: La Grande 17, North Powder 8. At Baker: Baker 7, Cove 6.

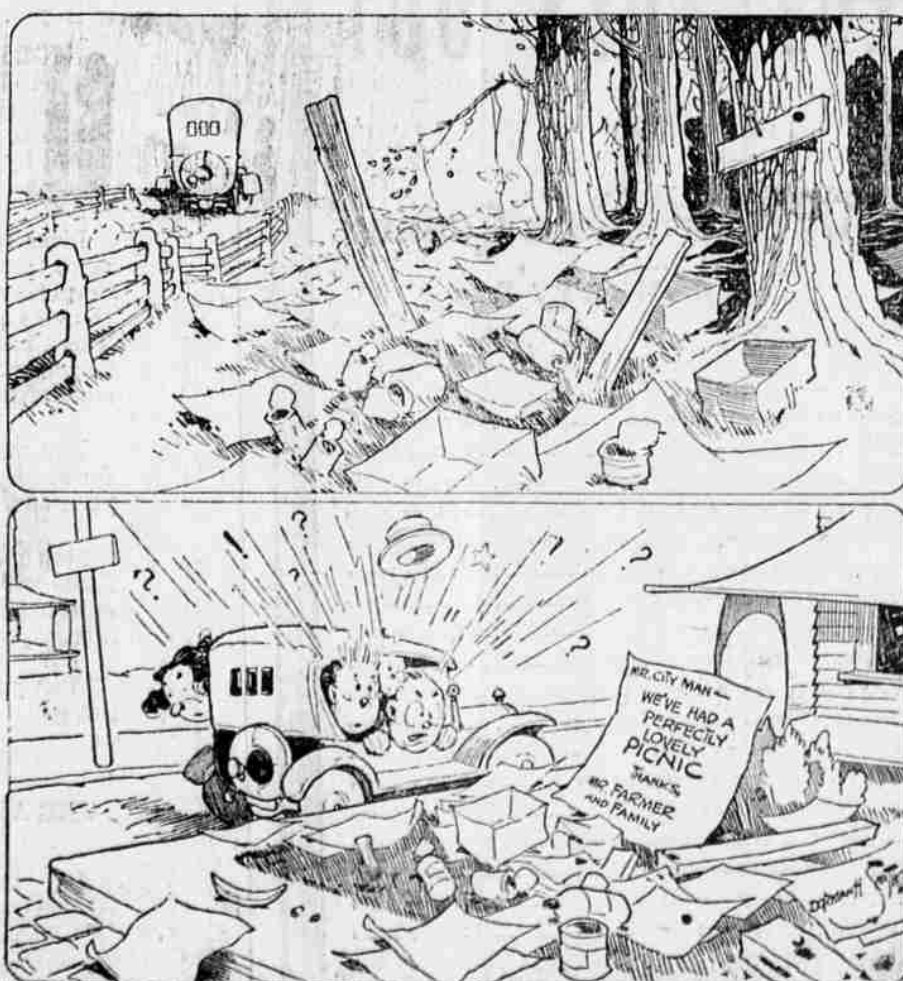
In a game of errors and hits, including two home runs, the first the Pirates have gleamed this year, La Grande took North Powder, who according to reports decided to take Union's place in the Intermentum (Continued on Page Three)

RUSH BUILDING PLAN

EL CENTRO, Calif., July 2.—Contracts totalling nearly \$285,000 have been let for the construction of a new Imperial county court house, for which the people of the county voted \$200,000 bonds last fall. The contracts covered everything but carpenter work, on which new bids were called. The supervisors hope to have the building completed within another year.

Wheat Quotations. PORTLAND, July 2. (AP)—Hard White \$1.08; Western Red \$1.00.

WHAT'S SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE



Constant Stream of Wagons, Horses, Cattle And People Treking Trail To Meacham

Agencies Said Cause of Low Prices, Hogs

CHICAGO, July 2.—Concentration of a large number of hogs in the hands of co-operative selling agencies has proved an absolute failure, Everett C. Brown, president of the National Livestock Exchange, declared today in a statement in which he placed a large part of the blame for hogs being one dollar under cost of production on the co-operative selling agencies.

The mass of hogs in one concern's hands forced on the market at one time "had been a club on the market that has hammered prices down to their present unproductive basis," he said.

Brown stated that on 20,000,000 hogs marketed in the year farmers would lose \$300,000,000, or \$10 on each 250 pound hog as compared with 1922.

Will Insist on Guarantee. GREAT FALLS, July 2. (AP)—Jack Kearns said that he would insist on complete fulfillment of Dempsey's \$300,000 guarantee. "They have until midnight to make good," Kearns said. "Until that time I cannot make statements unless I get definite word before then."

President Is Engineer ST. MARYS, Ind., July 2. (AP)—President Harding today drove the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul electric engine 15 miles.

Many Registered. CORVALLIS, July 2. Registration for the summer session went over the 450 mark before the close of the first day of the second week. Including young people who attended the junior session and those taking swimming, the total is brought up to 861.

They are coming, President Harding, fifty thousand strong. Yes, the people are responding to the call of their chief, not for military purposes, not to put down a rebellion or curb an insurrection, but to celebrate with him the greatest event in Pacific Northwest history—the winning of the Oregon country.

All day yesterday the tramp, tramp of horses' hoofs could be heard as the early contingents from far away settlements passed through La Grande and entered the Oro Dell canyon on their way to Meacham.

A Few Details of Pageant. What? Old Oregon Trail pageant dedicated the new Old Oregon Trail through Oregon and celebrating the crossing of the Blue mountains by the first emigrant wagon train 80 years ago.

When: July 3 and 4, beginning at nine o'clock, with the arrival of the president's special train, Tuesday morning and continuing until Wednesday evening. Special trains running from Baker and Pendleton to Meacham both days. Baker train connects with branch line special train.

Where: Short distance from Meacham depot (midway between La Grande and Pendleton) on the highway and railroad known as Top O' Blue Mountains.

Remarks: President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding and 49,000 other visitors confidently expected to be in attendance. Program both days is of exceptional quality, depicting advance of civilization to Old Oregon Country from the earliest days to the present time. Admission to the pageantry is absolutely free but nominal charge will be made for parking facilities—\$1.00 for roadsters and \$2.50 for touring cars.

SKELTONS TO BE EXHIBITED

Bones of Emigrants Found Near Highway Are to Be Shown at Top O' Blue Mountains.

Some time ago when two boys were digging in the hillside close to Meacham they uncovered what seemed to be human bones. Investigation proved that they were two skeletons and scientists claim they had been buried for probably half a century.

The skeletons are now at Meacham and will be on exhibition at the big celebration tomorrow.

INDIANS LOSE TRIBAL ARTS. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., July 2. The tribal adoption of the civilization of the white man has resulted in the loss to the Five Civilized Tribes of at least six of the principal arts of their forefathers, according to J. B. Thoburn, of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The lost arts include those of pottery and crockery making, the making of horn utensils and ornaments, the use of Indian weapons and their manufacture, the tanning of hides, the construction of dwelling houses and the preparation of food by Indian methods, Mr. Thoburn said.

Acceptance of the ready-made articles of the white man and their adoption are accounted for as the contributing causes to the decadence in these arts.

Special Trains To Run To Meacham On July 3 and 4

Joe Keeney, of the O.W., this morning urged that all who are intending to go to Meacham tomorrow by train, taking advantage of the \$1.25 round trip ticket special rates, purchase their tickets this afternoon in order to save congestion tomorrow morning. The special rate of \$1.25 holds good either on the special trains or the regular trains equipped with extra cars running between La Grande and Meacham July 3 and 4.

Special trains, from Baker and Pendleton and branch line points will carry visitors to the Old Oregon Trail celebration tomorrow and Wednesday. A special will leave Baker each morning and Pendleton each morning for Meacham and a branch line special will connect with the Baker-Meacham special here. All will return to their starting points both evenings.

Round trip tickets from La Grande to Meacham July 3 and 4 will be \$1.25. A special train will leave Baker on the morning of July 3 and 4 and will return the same evening. Extra cars will also be carried on

Constant streams of automobiles in both ways traffic lined the canyon and hill road yesterday. They were mainly people who had camping outfits with them and they were going early and camp through the entire two day celebration. Then too, there were hundreds of cars scurrying back and forth between Pendleton and Meacham and La Grande and Meacham carrying supplies and men to finish the great show grounds.

Today the travel to Meacham is greater than yesterday. The old stage coach from Wallawa pulled through with six horses, the Elgin valley people arrived in La Grande with their wagons, the Malheur delegation, dust covered and weary, took its place in the tramp up the hill.

Early Opening. When the sun's rays glint the top of the mountains tomorrow there will be the most pronounced activity at Meacham. People will be keyed up to the celebration point of view and anxiety will be tense until the special train bearing President Harding and his party arrives.

When Bob Masterton turns loose the presidential salute tomorrow morning it will mean the day has started—the greatest day in Eastern Oregon history.

And when the retreat shall have closed tomorrow evening, when the President's train will have pulled out for Portland, the thousands upon thousands of people who enjoyed the celebration will relax into that pleasant feeling of having entertained the nation's chief in true western style.

PORTLAND, July 2.—The advance guard of Oregonians who will greet President Harding at Spokane and accompany him on his trip through Oregon, left Portland last night at 9:30 o'clock for Spokane. The chamber of commerce special, carrying the large delegation which will go to Meacham, will pull out of the Union station tonight.

Included in last night's delegation were United States Senators McNary and Stanford and General Manager O'Brien and General Passenger (Continued on Page Five.)

FIFTEEN HURT IN GRAND PRIX

(By Associated Press) TOURS, France, July 2.—Fifteen persons were injured when a Devise car in the Automobile Grand Prix failed to make a hair pin turn at the first round today.

The car hooked the rear wheel on a post, swinging against the fence and then ran into a tree. In the meantime the car sidetracked the crowd.

Three children suffered fractured skulls and one woman had both legs broken.

Scavengers, driving a Sunbeam car, won the race.