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## U. S. AIR MAIL TEST SUCCESSFUL

### APPRECIATION FUND FOR LOCAL BAND IS INAUGURATED TODAY

Evening Observer Starts Drive for Donations for La Grande Municipal Band; \$600 Is Needed for Salem Trip; Newspaper to Print Donations Beginning Tomorrow.

In order for the La Grande Municipal band to complete the contract for the state fair at Salem it was necessary to meet Portland musician prices for the engagement, which means that the carfare and extra time consumed by the La Grande band is not considered by the state fair board, as business is business with the fair officers and they demand competitive bids on music as well as other things.

Yesterday several citizens of La Grande learned under what financial handicap the home band is working in order to compete with other musical organizations more favorably located, and it was decided to have the Evening Observer start an "Appreciation Fund" for the band, publication of the list of free will donations starting tomorrow.

There is needed about \$600 for the boys to have an even break with the bands of the lower country and this amount will doubtless be promptly raised with the appreciation fund.

All summer the band concerts have been highly appreciated by the general public and often requests have been made of the Evening Observer to learn how any citizen can express his appreciation of the concerts with a reasonable donation. That time has now arrived and any amount from a dollar up from individuals is in order, while business firms naturally will give around the five and ten-dollar mark in order to raise a fund for the band without any of its members being forced to ask the public for consideration.

Let us do this as a community and thereby show the community heart in La Grande is right. Everyone knows the worth of the band, and now, while the opportunity is open, let everyone telephone Main 37, stating the amount you desire to give to the Appreciation Fund, a printed roll of which will appear tomorrow.

### Forty--Eight La Granders To Make Trip

Since yesterday eight more members of the Chamber of Commerce have signified their intentions of joining the booster trip to be made tomorrow by the Chamber to North Powder and Union, bringing the total number, who will go with the caravan, to forty-eight. Chamber headquarters urge that all members register before leaving and receive an official badge. The itinerary of the booster trip is as follows: Leave La Grande National bank corner at 10:30 a. m., arrive at North Powder 11:30 a. m., 12:00 p. m. lunch with North Powder business men; 2:30 p. m. leave North Powder; 3:00 p. m. arrive Union; visit Experiment Station and business section; 6:00 p. m. dine with Union Chamber of Commerce in Union Hotel, then returning to La Grande.

### FUN AWAITS SHRINE HOST AT PENDLETON

PENDLETON, Aug. 22.—Pendleton will do its best in entertaining Shriners when they come here from Oregon, Washington and Idaho Wednesday, September 19, to put on the first big carnival ever staged in eastern Oregon. That the visitors may have as much pleasure as possible will be worked out to the smallest detail, according to J. H. Sturgis, rajah. Committees to be responsible for local details of the entertainment have been appointed. Their work covers accommodations, transportation, entertainment, ceremonial, parade and other phases. Large delegations from Portland, Spokane, Boise and other cities in the three states have indicated an intention of being present for what officials of Al Kader temple have declared will be the most colorful ceremonial ever attempted by the Shrine in the west.

Lassen Peak Quiet Today. REDLAND, Calif., Aug. 22 (AP)—Lassen peak, reported in eruption last night, was quiet today. When the mist lifted this morning there was no sign of any disturbance.

### Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Generally fair tonight and Thursday.

### HIGHWAY BLOCKED BY MUD SLIDES

PORTLAND, Aug. 22.—Mud slides partly blocked the Columbia highway last night between Eagle Creek and Bonneville, according to reports today. Several hail storms damaged automobiles in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The cutter *Shoshonish* is standing by. It is believed that the vessel will be floated by high tide this afternoon.

### LINER IS ASHORE NEAR PORT ANGELES

SEATTLE, Aug. 22.—The Italian liner *Chalchacas* (C. C. C. Co.) from Puget Sound and Vancouver, B. C., to London, went ashore early today west of Port Angeles in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The cutter *Shoshonish* is standing by. It is believed that the vessel will be floated by high tide this afternoon.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—The Japanese freighter *Kongosan Maru* collided in a dense fog today with the motorship *Frank Lynch*, near Puget Sound to San Pedro, 35 miles northwest of Point Reyes. Neither were badly damaged. Both are proceeding to San Francisco under their own power.

### SECOND COMING AT HAND, SAYS WRITER

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The second coming of Christ is at hand, according to Miss Christabel Pankhurst. The conversion of Miss Pankhurst to this belief began in 1918 with a "chance discovery in a bookshop," she declares in her new book, "The Lord Cometh." "There has been in the past," Miss Pankhurst writes, "a difference of opinion among Christians as to whether the Lord Jesus Christ would make His promised second visible appearance to mankind at the beginning or at the end of the millennium." In the new light cast by the remarkable world developments that have arisen since 1914 it is now unmistakably certain that He will come to initiate the millennium.

"The signs of the times are witnessing unmistakably to the truth that He is coming and coming soon. It is awe-inspiring to watch current history fitting into the very mold of prophecy. Christ has been expected before, but He did not come, you say. That may be, but this time He is coming."

### SUIT FILED ATTACKING COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW

PORTLAND, Aug. 22 (AP)—A suit attacking the constitutionality of the compulsory public school law was filed in the United States district court today by the Society of Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary. The complaint contends the law void as improper seizure of property unauthorized and the restriction of rights of parents, children, teachers and violation of contract between state and schools created under the state corporation law.

### La Grande Is First City To Raise Quota

La Grande again stepped to the front today when the official announcement came that the La Grande committee of the Old Oregon Trail association, had raised their set quota of the deficit facing the association following the Old Oregon Trail Pageant at Meacham, July 3 and 4. La Grande is the first city in Eastern Oregon to "go over the top" with their share of the deficit.

An estimate today showed that La Grande had dug up her share of the deficit, about 2,700 is yet due from Pendleton, Baker, Union, North Powder and Haines.

After the deficit had been estimated following the ending of the Meacham pageant, which was attended by the late President Harding, a certain sum was assigned the principal cities in Eastern Oregon to raise. La Grande's portion amounted to \$1,900. That amount had practically been secured here when it was discovered that it would be necessary for each city to contribute a little more—and another \$100 was added to this city's quota, raising it to \$2,000. And today that amount is ready for the association.

### IRIS KING IS OUT OF RACE

Effie Ainsworth again took the lead in the American Legion bathing girl contest here today. A check showed that she led Lona Zable by a total of 200 votes. Miss Zable was in the front yesterday with a lead of 400 votes.

Iris King has withdrawn from the race and will make a report this afternoon to the Legion officials as to the number of votes she has secured.

The contest closes at 6:00 p. m. Friday, August 31.

Among the entertainment features planned for the thousands of citizens and war veterans attending the American Legion conventions at Seaside, September 6-8 inclusive, will be: Bathing Girls' Contest to select Oregon's fairest bathing beauty; state rifle championship meet; long walking contest, athletic races, wienie roasts on the beach, swimming, fishing, airplane trips over the ocean, sightseeing trips, the big military parade of the legion, water carnival, banquets, dances and visits to historical spots, Seaside being rich in history.

### RENTS HIGHER BUT GENERAL COSTS LOWER

Living Quarters Now Costing 83.4 More Than Before War; Food Prices Up 44.3 Per Cent.

By Jack Carberry, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Rents for the first six months of 1923 continued to go skyward.

The \$50-a-month house of 1914 is bringing \$75.50 in N. Y., \$93.55 in Los Angeles, \$84.80 in Baltimore, \$85 in Buffalo, \$80 in Pittsburgh, \$90 in Chicago, the same in Detroit, \$86 in Cleveland, \$87 in St. Louis, \$81 in Seattle and \$92.50 in Denver.

Since January 1, 1923, New York tenements have increased their rents 37 per cent, the smallest boost of any of the nation's larger cities. Detroit rents have jumped 10 per cent—the highest figure.

Other cities to show increases during the first half of the present year, according to figures just made public by the Department of Labor, are: Baltimore, 4.2; Boston, 5.8; Buffalo, 5.5; Chicago, 4.7; Cleveland, 4.2; Philadelphia, 3.5; San Francisco and Oakland, 4; Cincinnati, 9.7; and St. Louis, 5.9.

### Some Rentals Lower.

While these cities have been increasing the burden of the rentpayer, Kansas City, Memphis, Portland (Ore.), Minneapolis, Norfolk, Memphis, Jacksonville, Houston and Portland (Me.) have cut the costs—slightly, the department explains, but none the less recorded a cut.

The figures of the department shows that there is an abundance of costly homes in all cities of the country—apartments renting from \$75. to \$150 a month.

However, due to the present high building costs, there has been but little construction of the cheaper class homes throughout the nation, and the poorer masses are in reality paying 700 per cent more in 1923 than in the pre-war period. The \$20 and \$30 a-month home has almost completely disappeared, the department's figures (Continued on page 5)

### Sightseeing Auto Wrecked

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 22.—A sightseeing automobile containing six tourists, fell into a ravine along the St. Gothard mountain road yesterday, causing the death of one tourist, Dutch, and serious injury to two others.

### NEARING THE END



### Poincare Note Means Further Negotiations

PARIS, Aug. 22.—Germany can obtain execution of the Rote out by paying reparations and the rigors of occupation can be reduced only through cessation by the Germans of passive resistance, and Germany cannot win a reduction in the amount of reparations unless it gives France credit for equal amounts of her war debts.

These are conclusions of Poincare's reply to Marquis Curzon's reparations note. The French government also expresses the belief that the Allies can agree on the methods of bringing about an execution of the treaty by continuing courteous negotiations.

LONDON, (By Associated Press).—Premier Poincare's reply to the British reparations note was delivered at the foreign office late Tuesday night and copies were distributed to Prime Minister Baldwin and the other ministers who are on their vacation. A copy was sent direct to Foreign Secretary Marquis Curzon at Baginbode, France, where he is vacationing. Nothing was issued here indicating the nature of the reply, but it has to a great extent become public property through the forecasts published in Paris, and the fact that the Premier Baldwin has made no sign of changing his holiday plans seems to prove that little hope is entertained that the French rejoinder will lead to anything but a continuance of the already protracted negotiations.

### PUBLIC'S FUEL NEEDS ASSURED

President Coolidge Will Not Permit Failure of Coal Parleys to Interfere With Filling Normal Requirements.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The governors of the principal anthracite consuming states were invited by federal fuel distributor Wadleigh to meet in New York August 28 to discuss an emergency program for the distribution of coal in event of a strike.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—Failure of the anthracite operators and miners to reach an agreement at their Atlantic City conference will not be permitted to in effect a fuel shortage upon the consumer, it was declared Tuesday night at the White House. While no indication was given, it was said that President Coolidge wished to assure the public that normal requirements for fuel would be met.

Chairman Hammond of the coal commission, who discussed the anthracite situation late in the day with the president, said, however, an attempt would be made to mix responsibility for the failure of the late negotiations, and it was indicated that the commission's findings in the matter might be incorporated in an "emergency report" to Mr. Coolidge, which is now in preparation.

Mr. Hammond declared the commission did not consider the situation yet warranted the submission of a report. He denied, however, that he or his associates proposed to take the initiative at this time in endeavoring to obtain a resumption of negotiations. (Continued on page 5)

### Old Oregon Trail Work Is Finished

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 22.—As far as Oregon is concerned, the Old Oregon Trail is now complete. The last foot of gravel on the top of the mountains has been laid, and there remains only some final cleaning up before the job beyond Dead Man's Pass is complete, according to County Judge E. M. Schaeffer.

The completion of the work in a thing which has been hoped for by the state as a whole for a long while. An effort to get the job done last year was made, but the contractors were not able to finish the work, although a bonus was offered in an effort to speed up construction.

The building of the stretch of five or six miles that held over from last fall was delayed this spring for weeks on account of the rains and storms that held on until the latter part of June. Early in the spring it was expected that the road would be built by July 4, and the celebration when President Harding visited was to commemorate the completion of the task that as a matter of fact still remained unfinished.

### OMAHA IS SHUT OFF FROM WATER SUPPLY

(By Associated Press) OMAHA, Aug. 22.—Omaha industries are hampered and residents are suffering as the result of the water supply being choked by a cave-in on the Missouri river at the waterworks intake Monday night. Officials believe that the pipes will be cleared by Friday.

### XTRA

### LOS ANGELES GETS SIX CENT GASOLINE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—Gasoline dropped to six cents a gallon at one lone service station here Tuesday. The lowest price at which it was previously sold was nine cents. The owner of the service station said that he could make a small profit at that price because he was interested in a small refinery. Gasoline is generally selling for prices between 10 and 17 cents in the city.

### Spaniards Mix With Rebels.

MEHARRA, Morocco, Aug. 22 (AP)—Spanish forces were dispatched to the aid of the sultan at Tifara, which was surrounded by Moroccan rebels. The Spanish forces have reached and entered Tifara after being severely punished.

### General Wood Is Given A Free Hand By Weeks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Manuel Quezon's latest report to Secretary Weeks regarding the situation in Manila has not been received here Tuesday, but officials said the policy fixed by Mr. Weeks for treatment of Philippine questions would preclude any interference by Washington with the administration of Governor General Wood. General Wood is believed by war department officials to be entirely capable of handling his own problems and will continue to exercise a free hand. Secretary Weeks is himself in New Hampshire, but his attitude on this question is well known to department officials.

### CONTINENTAL FLIGHTS ARE NEARLY OVER

Five Mails Planes Are in the Air Today, Second Day of Federal Test.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS DELAYS TWO PLANES

Flying Records Successful Between Chicago and Cheyenne, Wyo.; East-bound Mail to Reach New York Today.

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 22 (AP).—The west bound mail plane reached here at noon and hopped off for Elko, Nevada.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Five mail planes are in the air today, the second day of the five day test of transcontinental aerial mail, with successful flying records made between Chicago and Cheyenne and with indications that the eastbound mail which left Cheyenne last night would reach New York before nightfall.

Due to storms and fogs in Wyoming, the mail which left San Francisco yesterday morning was delayed all night in reaching Cheyenne and shortly after noon today was on its eastward flight.

The westbound flight of the New York mail also was held up early today at Cheyenne because of weather conditions.

The flyers scheduled for the second day start left the terminals of New York and San Francisco this morning.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 22.—The first westbound transcontinental mail plane of the United States postoffice department experimental flights, piloted by Dean Smith, arrived in Omaha at 11 p. m. over a trail brilliantly lit through the vast prairies of the central west by the same physical force that so materially contributed to his successful flight.

Smith's plane landed exactly 45 minutes ahead of the schedule outlined for the flight.

With his plane already come up, Pilot Jack Knight, veteran flier, took the six at 4:45 p. m., for the flight to Cheyenne, which will be the last. (Continued on page 5)

### Band Concert Is Announced Friday Night

Another of those pleasurable mid-summer open air concerts by the La Grande Municipal Band will be held Friday evening, at the pavilion at the corner of Washington avenue and Third street, according to announcements made today by Andrew Loney, E. director of the band. The program has not been prepared by Director Loney states that with each concert, the quality of the numbers presented are being raised, which gives promise of an excellent evening of entertainment for La Grande music-lovers. The concert will begin promptly at eight o'clock and while the band is playing, auto owners are asked to refrain from driving their cars as invariably the noise of the engines serves to drown out the effect of the music to those within hearing distance. Those who wish to move their cars or leave during the concert are urged to attend to the matter between numbers.

MANILA, Aug. 22.—Difference between the American administration and Filipino political leaders found an explosive ring expression Tuesday afternoon when Manuel Quezon, who in the recent official upheaval resigned as president of the Philippine senate, announced that he had called the secretary of war in Washington that E. Florio Roosevelt, lately appointed mayor of Manila by Governor General Leonard Wood, was an ex-convict from Bilibid prison and stood convicted of two crimes—conspiracy to procure the abduction of a woman by a band of bandits and complicity in the murder of an American soldier.