

LA GRANDE DOES WELL IN PRELIMS

Eastern Oregon Track Meet Starts Off With Qualifying Events

NO RECORDS DROP IN FIRST EVENTS

Sherwood Springs Surprise by Throwing Discus 110 Feet; Fugit Puts Shot More Than 42 Feet.

With a light breeze blowing but conditions otherwise ideal the annual Eastern Oregon track meet opened at the high school athletic field this morning.

During the forenoon session heats were run off in the dashes, the weights and the jumps. La Grande men qualified in every event and will appear in the finals this afternoon.

The morning session went over smoothly with no friction between competitors or coaches. The presence of Virgil Kardo, athletic director of the University of Oregon, who is acting as referee was of great value.

From indications this morning La Grande should take the most. Some records are pretty sure to go into the discard. Kender, Unatilla's lone entry showed real class in the 229-yard dash and the high jump. His time for the 229 was 24.5 seconds and he leaped the last 75 yards.

Sherwood of La Grande leaped the record mark and should be able to beat it this afternoon. Sherwood threw 110 feet and the record is but 111 feet 5 1/2 inches.

Fugit of Union pushed the shot out 42 feet 3 3/4 inches. This is still about four feet lower than the Eastern Oregon record but is much higher than the shot has been thrown in this territory this season.

Finals This Afternoon The finals in all events will be held this afternoon.

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WILL OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley citizens are generally preparing to observe Mother's day tomorrow in some manner.

Gifts to the mother are on a schedule for many and others plan visits or other commendation.

The churches of this city have announced special Mother's Day programs which will undoubtedly be well attended.

The observance of the day is really a very old custom, one that serving the day. This charming to this country from England.

In America, however, the earliest crusaders for observance were the English, who began the campaign in 1844 and 1905 in the club house of Kansas City Aerie No. 47.

Since that start, other organizations and the population in general in America have taken up the movement ardently until now it is a national day in more respects than one.

The wearing of a flower in honor of Mother is one way of observing the day. This charming method of paying tribute to the mother is almost universally practiced.

Two Tie For First In Music Memory Contest

Fifty music students of the La Grande high school entered the Music Memory contest held there last evening as a part of Music week.

Miss Dorothy Caldwell and Jack Dennis tied for first prize, each having a perfect score. Miss Caldwell was presented with a host of the company. Lutz and Mr. Dennis will be given one of Mozart by the Monday Musical club.

Other students had a score of over 90. They were Benjamin Westfall, Frank Johnson, Thomas Bruce, Marilyn Mager, Helen Williams and Charlotte Reuss. Fifty records were played and the students had to tell the name and composer of twenty of them in order to have a perfect score.

Recital Here Will Present Faye Price

Talented Harpist Featured in the Final Program of National Music Week.

Miss Faye Price, harpist, assisted by Florence Lynch Miller, soprano and Mrs. J. A. Tedford, organist, will be presented to La Grande music lovers on the final evening of National Music Week.

The recital will take place in the Presbyterian church tonight, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. No admission will be charged.

The program has been arranged as follows: Valde Caprice (Anonymous), Reverie (Proje), La Harpe Eolienne (Godefrid)—Miss Price.

Chaconne (Godefrid)—Miss Price. L'heure Exquise (Hahn), Dawn (Garg)—Mrs. Miller.

Tales of Hoffman (Arr. by Verdalle), Il Trovatore (Arr. by Chatterton), Sestette from Lucia (Arr. by Chesire)—Miss Price.

The Honary (Arr. by Pinto), The Swan (Arr. by Pinto), Sorcerer Capriccioso (Pinto)—Miss Price and Mrs. Tedford.

Play Make Believe (Bond), The Golden Rule (Anonymous)—Miss Price.

An Monaster (Hasselmanns), Pastourelle (Hasselmanns), Nun's Prayer (Oberthur), Maarka (Schuecker)—Miss Price.

Miss Price Honor Guest. Honoring Miss Faye Price, harpist, who will appear this evening at 8:15 o'clock at the Presbyterian church in harp recital, the officers and committees of the Monday Musical entertained this noon.

The fifteen with a delightful four-course luncheon. Covers were laid for 15 and a delightful

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CHILDREN IN MAY FESTIVAL

Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Greenwood school, under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Landry, had an Old English May day festival.

The May queen, Miss Evelyn Reed, was chosen by popular vote from members of the junior high school. She was a most charming and gracious ruler of the fête.

The first graders from Misses Alice Bennett and Elizabeth Miller's rooms sang a quaint May day tune and the children representing villages from Mrs. Landry's room danced joyfully in honor of the holiday.

The first graders danced an old English folk dance. Nick Hughes, in checkered cape, high boots and plumed chapeau, at this point heralded the coming of the queen.

The queen's procession, under the direction of Miss Mildred Lovell, entered the play area following. The attendants from Miss Reed's room were: Velma Christ, Emma Chandler, Irene Quinlan, Virginia McWilliams, Ruby Peck, Vilma Hattell, Emma Beck, and Fanny Struck.

The first graders, Doris Schultz and Kathleen Dall, Little Porter Dall Jr., brought in the pearl-decked crown, on a large green cushion. The queen was crowned and saluted by Robin Hood's men.

A number of dances were then given for the pleasure of the

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Elk Hide Possessor Fined and Sentenced

R. L. Williams, of Starkey, was fined \$250 and sentenced to a 20-day term in the county jail on the charge of possessing elk hides.

Williams was arrested some time ago by Game Warden John Walden.

LEGION'S CAMPAIGN TO START

Local Committees Named at Meeting Here Last Evening

HILL TO SERVE ON STATE BOARD

Fred Kiddle, Former State Commander, Is Chairman of Local Endowment Drive Committee.

The appointment of A. T. Hill, president of the city and former chairman of the Liberty loan drives during the World war period, as a member of the general state committee, and of Fred Kiddle as chairman of the local Legion committee, was announced last night in preparation for La Grande's part in the national child welfare endowment drive of the American Legion to be staged here this month.

Plans were discussed at a special meeting of Legion workers held in the city hall and a general committee led by Mr. Kiddle in directing the campaign was named by Commander Otis Palmer of the La Grande post. The following Legionnaires will serve on this committee: Fred Kiddle, chairman; H. E. Coolidge, H. E. Brady, P. R. Appleby, H. E. Watkins, Harry Williams and O. W. Palmer, with Mr. Hill, of the state committee, acting in an advisory capacity. Additional members will be drafted for the actual work of the drive and the Legion anticipates little difficulty in "going over the top" as did Union county in the war drives.

In connection with the campaign here a speakers committee, members of which will present the campaign plans to the schools and churches, has been named, and its personnel follows: Hugh K. Brady, chairman; Dr. Itay Murphy, Harry Williams, County's Quota.

The county's quota of the national child welfare endowment is \$1,500. In Oregon \$60,000 of the amount raised is to go to the Dorn Becker hospital in Portland.

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MILL OPENING DATE IS SET

The people of Perry are looking forward to a happy and enjoyable time on May 15th, Tuesday, the date set by the management of the Grande Ronde Lumber company for the official opening of the Perry sawmill.

The Perry community, under the leadership of Harvey M. Larsen, superintendent of the local Sunday school, plans a special program for the evening, concluding with a big dance in the community hall.

The details of the program will be announced later.

LAST MEET OF YEAR PLANNED

A community-wide interest is being shown in the program "The Arts of Our Grandmothers" to be presented at the last meeting for the year of the Neighborhood club Tuesday afternoon.

Precious treasures of handicraft will be exhibited at this time and money will attend the meeting in old-time costumes. An old-fashioned tea, in charge of Mrs. George Stoddard, will be given.

Mrs. A. T. Hill has charge of the afternoon and will present the following program, arranged by Mrs. George Capry: "Samples" by Mrs. Sherwood Williams; "Hooked Rugs," Mrs. A. T. Hill; "Woven Coverlets," Mrs. Herbert Patterson; "Patch Work Quilts," Mrs. H. H. Cheever; Miss Isabelle Miller will give a musical reading and Mrs. Thomas Wulstager will give a reading. Mrs. Lou Miller, Mrs. Ray Palmer, Mrs. Agnes Turcan and Mrs. I. F. Brower will sing groups of old songs.

The club wishes to observe "Mother's Day" by inviting all the mothers of the community to be present.

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FINISH WAR BY RUM ROW INDICATED

Endurance Contest Between Drys and Wets Continue Unabated

SMUGGLERS PLAN TO DRIVE WEDGE

Hope to Pierce Guardsmen's Lines and Follow Through With Shore-Bound Liquor.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The endurance contest between the Atlantic rim fleet and the United States coast guard "dry" navy continued today with every indication that it will resolve into a war to the finish with land and sea attacks, reprisals and a "death list" as important features of the impending conflict.

The smugglers have accepted the

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THREE ROBBERS LOOT NEW YORK JEWELRY STORE

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Three robbers held up the jewelry store of J. Ross today and escaped with \$200,000 worth of jewelry after handcuffing and binding four employees.

The neighborhood was crowded with Jewish Sabbath crowds and police reserves were called out to restore order.

Fire Sweeps Portland Telephone Exchange

PORTLAND, Ore. (By Associated Press)—Repair crews worked last night and today to restore telephone service in the district severed by the Main and Atwater exchange which burned yesterday. Emergency numbers are being used by business houses. The company expects most of the service will be restored early next week.

Telephone company officials estimated the fire loss between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Fire which swept the main telephone exchange of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company yesterday put 15,000 telephone out of communication and caused damage exceeding \$199,999. One hundred telephone girls by hasty and orderly exit escaped the rapid sweep of flames which originated in the basement from a burned cable. Two firemen were slightly injured. Company officials said the equipment of the building was worth \$500,000 and they could not definitely say the amount of the loss until a check was made. Fire department officials said the damage would exceed \$199,999.

Condition of Boy Is Practically Unchanged

Little Walter Ford, nine-year-old son of F. N. Ford, who was shot in the neck Thursday evening while playing, is reported to be about the same this morning. He is in a very serious condition and does not seem to improve.

Senator Moses Defends Rules Of U.S. Senate

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (By the Associated Press)—Senate rules permitting unlimited debate are the country's strongest safeguards against hasty legislation by a coalition of the likes that have sprung up in American political life, Senator Moses, republican of New Hampshire, declared here last night in an address defending those rules against the assaults of Vice President Clegg.

"Calling attention that the coalition differed from day to day as new legislation to curb the bill existing in different sections, are advanced, the president pro tempore of the senate said the majority then momentarily welded together 'are bound to be as weak as they are ephemeral'."

Majorities Differ. Senator Moses said it was unfortunate that the majority had the right to rule, but he declared that majorities differed from day to day.

"The majority in the senate," he said, "is no longer partisan or even political. In point of fact, except through artificial means, strict

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It's No Use, They Can't Read!



SMALL POWERS WIN VICTORY

GENEVA (By the Associated Press)—Smaller countries at the international conference on arms traffic won a signal victory today when they succeeded in securing general approval of the principle that liberty of traffic instead of prohibition shall be the basis of the convention.

The convention on this point was inspired by the smaller nations' fear that they would be placed in an unbearable position of dependency upon great manufacturing countries if prohibition of export remained the fundamental principle of the conference.

Wheat Prices Fall Six Cents on Early Market

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Wheat prices collapsed more than six cents today soon after the opening of the market.

TERMS AGREED UPON PARIS (AP) — Terms of note virtually agreed upon among allies in which they will tell Germany she must disarm as obliged in the Versailles treaty, were laid before the French cabinet today by Foreign Minister Briand.

ROBBERY OF \$5,000 PORTLAND (AP)—W. H. Gibson, manager of the Labor Temple, was held up and robbed of \$5,000 cash by two men about noon today.

The robbers escaped in an automobile. Gibson had drawn the money from the bank to cash union members pay checks.

ROY ARRESTED

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Descendant Of Barmaid Now A Duke

(By Milton Bronner) LONDON, Eng. (NPA Special)—The most romantic love affair of the England of 150 years ago will have its dramatic climax shortly in the House of Lords.

Here before this stately body, the descendant of a saloonkeeper's daughter and a gallant and aristocratic soldier will take his place as Duke of Somerset.

This will be crowned the efforts of Brig. General Sir E. H. Seymour to establish his claims to dukedom. A legal seat will be placed on a story that is far more romantic than anything novelists imagine and far more dramatic than the productions of film makers.

In 1787 Colonel Francis Compton Seymour fell violently in love with Leonora Hudson.

Seymour was an officer in the army, a member of a noble and ancient family which had intermarried with the royal family of England.

He was a son of a great dignitary.

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SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE IN MAY

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—The exercises marking the closing of the school year and the graduation of the senior class will be held next week, a local newspaper announces.

The baccalaureate services will take place in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. M. E. Petala delivering the address. The class day program will be given at the gymnasium Wednesday at 8 in the evening. In addition to the regular exercises the class will present a one-act play, "A Perplexing Situation," which is a delightful farce.

The commencement will be held Friday evening, May 15th. The musical part of the program will be given by Mrs. A. K. Parker, a male quartet and the orchestra. Superintendent Frank Bennette of Enterprise has been secured to make the address of the evening. Senior class extends an invitation to the public to attend all of the graduation exercises.

The class to be graduated is the largest in the history of the school, the class of 1917 also having 25 members. The personnel of the class includes: Leon Baird, George Cherry, Grace Coleman, Valena Cramer, Helen Fisher, Tony Groer, Floyd Haiske, Iven Johnson, Sidney Johnson, Lottie McVane, Lenore McKinlin, Jamie McNeil, Donald Mitchell, Isabelle Nelson, Wallace Nelson, Aldwin Oliver, Martin Oliver, Glen Phass, Florian Powers, Elmo Richmond, Ruby Hoop, Anna Running, Dau Wainock, Shirley White, Lennie Wolfe.

French Would Teach Rifians a "Lesson"

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Premier Daladier said today that after a cabinet meeting on the Moroccan situation, that a severe lesson would be given those who have invaded our territory. We are acting in accord with the Spanish and British governments.

Militarists 'Hopped Up' About Japan's Strength

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NPA Special)—Militarists, who should have been all excited over reports that Japan's only to the United States Hawaiian naval maneuvers is to be a set of maneuvers of her own, to show how easily she could beat such a fleet as this country's—of course in Far Eastern waters.

It isn't likely the Japanese think they could defeat America anywhere in the vicinity of the latter's home shores. Possibly they don't think they can defeat her at all. That idea may be merely a complex some people have got.

The expected Japanese maneuvers are said to be scheduled for

MANY LIVES LOST WHEN BOAT SINKS

Engineers of Fame in the South Are Included in Death List

MORE THAN SCORE REPORTED DEAD

Tragedy Occurred Near Coahoma Landing on Mississippi River Late Last Night.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (By the Associated Press)—More than a score persons lost their lives when the United States government steamer M. E. Norman, of the engineering fleet here, sank late yesterday near Coahoma Landing, Miss., on the Mississippi river.

Among the dead were some of the best known men in the engineering profession in the south.

The steamer carried 60 or more persons on an excursion trip on a side issue to the first annual convention of the Mid-South Association of Engineers, just formed here.

Negro in Hero Role. Tom Lee, a negro, rescued 30 persons with a small boat. The scene of the disaster is 15 miles south of Memphis opposite Coahoma Landing and 300 feet from the Tennessee shore.

Immediately the word was received of the disaster every available speed boat in Memphis harbor and ambulances were dispatched to the scene.

Search tonight will be made for the dead and possible living. Plans have been made to send divers to the sunken hull in the hope of recovering some bodies.

Dramatic Stories. Dramatic stories are told of the wild staggering of the steamer before sinking. She listed heavily, the cause for which is unknown, and Captain Denton ordered passengers to scatter, thinking there were too many on one side.

The ship suddenly careened, refusing to answer her helm. Three minutes later she lay bottom side up in the river with her passengers.

SALEM, Ore.—The Bend Water. A rigid investigation will be instituted by government agencies. Major D. H. Donnelly, E. S. engineer, announced, "We are going to find out what caused the boat to roll over," he said.

WINTER WHEAT YIELD SMALL

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—A winter wheat crop almost one-quarter smaller than last year's production, was forecast Friday by the department of agriculture, which placed the total at 44,822,000 bushels.

More than one-fifth the average crop last fall was abandoned because of heavy winter killing due largely to unfavorable dry weather for seeding, germination and early growth.

The abandoned area, amounting to 9,504,000 acres, has been exceeded in only one year during the period covered by the government's record, which extended back to 1904. The area left to be harvested is about 35,318,000 acres.

The condition of the crop has improved since April 1, but on May 1 it was 3.2 points below the average on that date for the last 10 years.

The condition indicates an average yield of approximately 12.4 bushels per acre.

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With all due respect for Japanese courage and not disputing she can like any fleet in the state of repair Russia's was in, the truth is that the Japanese are known among seafaring men as poor shipbuilders, bad sailors and perfectly impossible hands in an

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