

LA GRANDE AND ELGIN JOIN HANDS

Business Men of Two Union County Communities Meet at Lunch

WELCOME GIVEN BY ELGIN MAYOR

Talks Made by W. C. Perkins, Chamber of Commerce President, H. E. Dixon, and Others.

The spirit of genial good fellowship was everywhere present when a delegation from La Grande lunched with the citizens of Elgin at the city park in Elgin last evening...

The spirit of the trip was summed up by W. C. Perkins, president of the chamber of commerce, in the opening address of the meeting following the luncheon.

Mr. Perkins brought out the fact that the trip was not prompted nor fostered by commercial motives on the part of the La Grande delegation but was for the sole purpose of promoting a better understanding and a more friendly relationship between the two cities...

Mr. Dixon was next introduced by a short talk in which it was brought out that the La Grande attorney had at one time practiced law in Elgin.

Mr. Dixon commented on the benefits from such trips as one taken by the two cities last season for such get-togethers by the residents of the two cities.

Following Mr. Dixon, Carl Helm, district attorney, made a brief talk, Elmer Stoddard, ex-president of the chamber of commerce, Floyd McKennon, chairman of the K...

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CIRCUS HERE; ARRIVED LATE

This morning the roaring of a lion, mingled with the shrill trumpet of an elephant, was heard in direction of the railroad station.

A small boy, showing intense excitement, came running down Adams avenue yelling, "Come on fellows! The circus has come!"

His statement was true. At 4 o'clock, a four-ring circus arrived here approximately at 7:30 o'clock, nearly three and a half hours late, because of trouble with the elephant car on route here from Pendleton.

The circus, which came here a few years ago when it was a three-ring show, is much larger now and, according to advance notices, will furnish a greater assortment of entertainment than heretofore.

The dancing horses, valued at better than \$100,000, the hippopotamus, a horde of yellow-fanged jungle "cats", great, hulking elephants, monkeys galore; Joe Martin, the educated ape; and veritable armies of beautiful girls are here for two performances, one starting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the other at 8 tonight.

Despite the late arrival, the great stretches of canvas went up at the show grounds in snappy time.

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Medical Society Names Dr. Phyl New President

During the business meeting of the Eastern Oregon District Medical Society at Wallawa Lake, Dr. W. T. Phyl, of Hot Lake, was elected president succeeding Dr. W. E. McArdy, Dr. E. B. Kirby was elected vice president, in the place of Dr. John B. Gregory, of Wallawa, and Dr. C. J. Bartlett, of Baker, was elected secretary-treasurer. Hot Lake was chosen as the meeting place of the society next year.

The society met Tuesday and Wednesday at the lake with about twenty-five doctors in attendance. On Tuesday four doctors of note from Portland spoke. Dr. R. H. Billebaum was the first to address the society and his subject was "Disability of the Hip Joint in Children." Dr. H. B. Myers spoke on "Use of Essential Oils in Skin Diseases." Dr. Calvin C. White gave a talk on "Complications Following Influenza" and Dr. Harry Bouvy talked on "Surgical Complications of Cancer."

Grangers To Picnic Here Next Sunday

Riverside Park Open for Annual Outing at Meeting of the Grange Held Yesterday.

Final arrangements for a grange picnic to be held at Riverside park were made at the regular meeting of the Blue Mountain grange yesterday. The picnic will be held Sunday and, besides members, a special invitation will be extended to the members of the Grange Hall Sunday school and others in the districts to attend. The grange also arranged for a committee to see about securing a hall in La Grande to entertain the county grange in at the regular meeting on September 26. Plans for the grange fair and harvest home festival were discussed. The fair committee was named, and is as follows: W. H. Gekeler, chairman; E. L. Eckles, J. A. Hammon, Mrs. Carry Spencer, Mrs. W. O. Sherwood and Mrs. Grace Groat. The date for the fair will be set by the committee next week.

Miss Minnie Holman, instructor of the Laramie university, attended the meeting yesterday and gave an interesting description of the country and conditions near Laramie.

EXPECTS LARGE CROWD AT BAND CONCERT TONIGHT

Indications today are, according to those in charge, that despite the circus performance here this evening, a large crowd of people will gather at the high school athletic field for the outdoor La Grande band concert under the direction of Andrew Louey.

The program features lighter numbers, with one difficult overture, and all encores will be popular numbers. The concert program will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Hot Lake Schools to Open Late in August

Hot Lake has or will have the distinction of being the first school district in the county to open school for the fall term. The roll will be called in that district for the first time this year on the last Monday in August, according to E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent. The opening date of the other district schools in the county will vary from the first part of September to the 10th.

Forest Fire Permits Required of Campers

Forest fire permits are now required of campers in the Whitman national forest, according to John Tucker, forest ranger, who was in La Grande this morning. Permits may be obtained at the Oregon Harvester and Implement company. No fee is charged for the permits.

Canned Heat Addicts Admit Guilt in Court

Tom McDermood and Henry E. Brandt, accused of partaking of canned heat and thereby becoming intoxicated, pleaded guilty in the municipal court. Judge Slater fined McDermood \$10 and sentenced Brandt to five days in the city jail.

COMBINE HARVESTER

The harvester combine owned by Frank McKennon and W. H. Ledbetter started work yesterday on the McKennon ranch. Most of the combines in the valley have been in operation for several days.

ORDINANCE VIOLATORS TO BE HIT

Commissioners to Take Steps That Laws Enforced.

CITY DADS URGE GENERAL CANVASS

Lack of Respect for City Statutes Decried; Condition Said to Be Bad at Present.

A strong plea for strict enforcement of ordinances in La Grande, especially the dog, health and grass ordinances, was made during the city commission meeting last night by Commissioner R. P. Landis. Charles Playe, acting president in the absence of A. T. Hill, agreed with Dr. Landis and the upshot of the matter was that the city manager and city attorney were directed to make arrangements for taking steps in punishment of violators of city ordinances.

Robert Heivley appeared before the commission and made a complaint about dogs running at large in violation of the ordinance requiring all canines to be kept up between the hours of 6 p. m. and 6 a. m., and his complaint started the general discussion.

"The people are getting the idea that notices applying to ordinances are the bunk," Dr. Landis declared. "Right now is the time to get busy and prove that this is not the case." He added that many existing conditions, especially in reference to dog grass that, besides being unsightly, serves as a fire hazard, and health conditions are dangerous and likely to breed a damage suit against the city, unless steps are taken to eradicate the evils.

Notices, needless to say, are usually not needed and were practically all issued.

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REGENTS VISIT UNION STATION

Four members of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college with director James T. Jardine of the Oregon Experiment station passed through the city today by motor on the annual tour of inspection of the branch experiment stations in eastern Oregon.

The party is traveling by auto to the station at Hermiston, Union, Burns and Talent. The Union experiment station was inspected to the stations at Hermiston. They are taking the Old Oregon Trail to Ontario, and from there will go to Burns, Lakeview, Klamath Falls, and over the mountains to the southern Oregon station at Talent.

Those making the inspection this year are J. K. Weatherford, Albany, president of the board; Governor Walter M. Pierce, ex-officio member; Harry Bailey, Lakeview; George Painter, Hood River, master of the state grant; Senator W. E. Kinney, Astoria; and Director James T. Jardine.

J. E. Reynolds, of La Grande, accompanied the regents today on their trip to Union County Agent H. G. Avery expects to visit the experiment station this afternoon.

Cove Boy Kicked by Horse; Jaw Fractured

Little Dale Williams, 4 years old, of Cove, was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital last evening with a badly fractured jaw. It is not known how he was injured, but it is thought that he was kicked by a horse. The little boy had been playing in the field near the house and when he didn't come home his parents looked for him and found him in the field unconscious.

He is resting easily this morning according to reports from the hospital.

Motorcycle Riders to Have Outing Sunday

The annual motorcycle picnic and run will be held Sunday, August 9, according to announcement today by H. S. Lockwood, of Lockwood's cycleery. Union county riders are urged to meet promptly at the assembly at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. They will join Baker riders at North Powder at 3 o'clock.

A big feed is planned for the picnic, which will be the fourth annual outing.

GIRL SAID PURCHASED; PROBE DUE

Commissioner of Public Welfare Classes Act as "Most Unmoral"

SHADOWS CAST ON MARY SPAS

Miss Adopted by Edward W. Browning, Divorced Realtor, Center of Bitter Whirl in New York

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—An investigation by the district attorney of queens county into the adoption of Mary Louise Spas, young daughter of immigrant parents, by Edward W. Browning, wealthy divorced realtor, was sought today by Commissioner of Public Welfare Coler.

The commissioner said the investigation was prompted by charges that Browning had given money to Mary's parents for their signing the adoption papers. He added it was a violation of a long established precedent for a divorced man to be permitted to adopt a child in New York.

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Legionnaires Picnic; Business Meet Put Off

The American Legion and the legion auxiliary picnic at the Riverside park last evening was a very successful affair. Guests brought their own refreshments and the Legion furnished coffee and dessert. For dessert huge slices of the ever popular watermelon were served. Business meetings of the two orders had been scheduled, but after the picnic none felt particularly like business so the meetings were postponed until next month.

XTRA REWARD OFFER MADE

MARTINEZ, Cal. (AP)—A personal reward of \$1000, which he will ask Governor Richardson to increase by \$1000, for the arrest of Charles Henry Schwartz was announced today by Sheriff Veale. Officers are convinced that Schwartz is alive and that the body was placed in the laboratory to defraud the insurance company of \$100,000. District Attorney Thimble revealed that three religious books were found near the body. He is trying to get a clue through names written in the books.

ASK STATE GUARANTEE

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—The Eagle Point irrigation district in Jackson county today applied to the state irrigation securities commission for a state guarantee of interest on the district bonds for 18 months, in addition to a three and one-half year guarantee already granted by the state. If the additional guarantee is allowed it will make a full five-year guarantee allowed by law. The district's bond issue amounts to \$400,000. About 2500 acres are under cultivation and 500 more acres will be under cultivation this year.

MATCH OFFER MADE

NEW YORK (AP)—An offer of a 15-round match between Harry Wills and Gene Tunney, leading heavyweight title contenders, at the Polo grounds, September 23 or 25, was taken under advisement today by Paddy Mullins, Wills' manager.

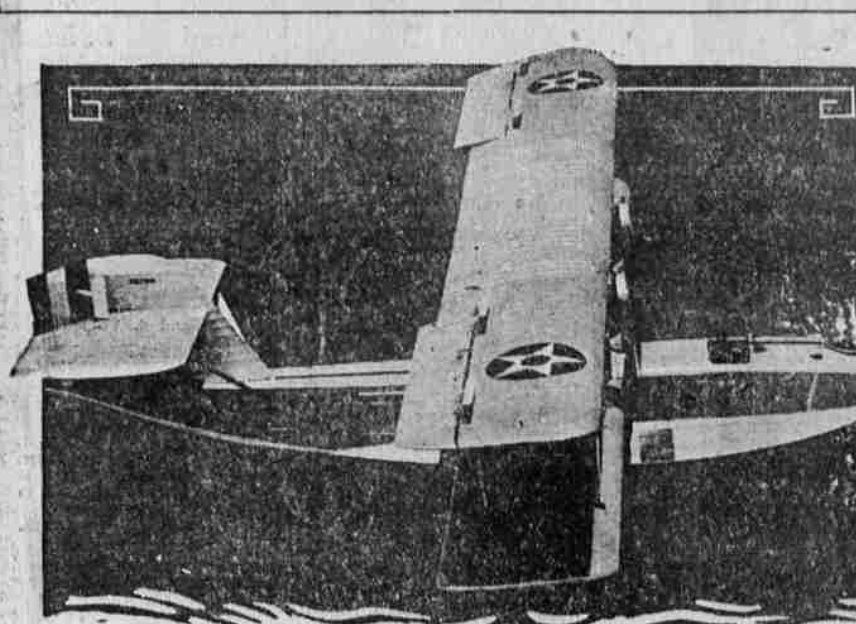
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READY TO FLY ACROSS PACIFIC



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LOOT HAULED OFF IN TRUCK VALLEY SPUDS ARE INSPECTED

ROSEBURG, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Barking a car against the rear entrance of the Wilder and Agnes clothing store last night, robbers loaded it with merchandise valued at more than \$1000 and escaped.

The loot included 30 suits of clothes, several pairs of shoes, two dozen silk shirts, underwear, pajamas, four dozen pairs of gloves, socks and neckties.

Footprints indicated that the robbers made many trips to the truck. They gained entrance through the skylight, then opening the rear door.

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Safe crackers, presumably professional, last night or early today, hid themselves in the Elks' temple through the skylight and blew open the safe, leaving checks and paper. The safe was taken from the floor and two or three pool table covers removed and used to muffle the sound. The cash register was looted for about \$2,000. The robbers helped themselves to a couple of bottles of soft drinks.

Grande Ronde valley farmers have succeeded in doing a very unusual and at the same time a very important thing this season. Several of them have raised potatoes suitable in grade and quality to certify as seed.

In order to pass the certification test the quality must have not more than five per cent disease and must be smooth and well shaped. The valley has not raised potatoes of a quality to pass this rigid test for about five years. Certified potatoes have been shipped in to La Grande and distributed among the farmers for seed on several occasions and comparatively few yields have ever produced tubers of a high enough quality to pass certification tests.

Tests were made this week by E. L. Jackson, of the O. A. C. extension department in company with H. G. Avery, county agricultural agent, Charles D. White of the Washburn and Wilson Seed company of Moscow, Idaho and Jack Leaton, a commercial seed trader of Corvallis.

The fields of Hattie Frittsold and C. C. Welsh of Alsea and of W. E. McKennon of Imbler passed the certification tests. Incidentally most of the potatoes which passed the certification or standard grade tests were grown from seed furnished through the La Grande National bank which had several carloads shipped in and distributed among the growers.

The fields of Glen Ledbetter and Routh McKennon of Alsea, J. P. Williams of Cove, Jim Schroeder of Island City, R. A. Robertson of La Grande, L. C. Kennedy of La Grande, H. O. Wheeler and Rex Grigg of Union all passed tests.

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Trap Committee Named By President Smith

J. R. Smith, newly-elected president of the Wing, Pin and Fleet-foot club, made his first official appointments yesterday when he named the trap committee.

Tom Barnwell was appointed chairman. Other members of the committee are Pete Kinsey, Bill Sailer and George Carlisle. This committee will have charge of the arrangements for the annual "Punching Turkey" shoot and other big gun contests throughout the year as well as the regular informal shooting matches.

COAL WORKERS PLAN WALKOUT

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (By the Associated Press)—Authority to call out 150,000 anthracite miners if no agreement with the operators is reported by midnight of August 31, Wednesday was vested in the subcommittee which failed to negotiate an agreement with the operators at sessions which terminated here Tuesday. The action was taken by the full scale committee, composed of 49 members.

Further, the scale committee empowered the subcommittee to arrange with the mine owners for employment of maintenance men to keep the mines from flood or caving in during a shutdown.

The stand which John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, had taken as head of the subcommittee in breaking off negotiations with the owners Tuesday, was ratified unanimously. The indorsement was accompanied by a rising vote of "thanks and confidence."

Main Committee Adjourns. After extending to the subcommittee additional authority "to meet any emergency in accord with their judgment," the main body adjourned in the frankly announced belief that it would not meet again within the life of the working contract, which expires in 25 days.

The miners now look for no negotiations, either state or federal, in the near future, according to a canvass of various leaders. "We're done now," one negotiator said. "There is nothing on the boards we can see."

It was acknowledged that if the operators asked to reopen negotiations the miners would meet them. But they would assume, they added, that the operators must have had a change of heart.

President Lewis has established temporary national headquarters here and comment has been aroused by the daily arrivals of union coal operators and union officials. No significance was attached, it was said, "racial and district affairs" were the only topics under discussion.

American Fleet Sails For Home Shores Today

MELBOURNE (AP)—The American fleet which has been visiting in Australia the past two weeks, sailed for home today.

Sanity Trial Nearing End

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—The state today concluded its efforts to prove Russell Scott sane.

Dr. William G. Krohn, last prosecution witness, declared Scott sane and repeated stories of four previous state witnesses that Scott declined to submit to an examination in jail.

There will be no appeal for Scott. If the jury finds him sane the judge will fix a new date for the execution from which Scott has twice been snatched.

FOUR FIRES BLAZE NEAR SALEM, ORE.

Loggers in Timber Fight Red Demon; Silver Creek Fire Safe

ENTIAT VALLEY FLAMES RAGING

Orchard and Home of John Bickle, of Pashatin, Wash., Destroyed; Loss About \$10,000.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—With the fire near Silver Creek under control, another bad fire has broken out in the timber at Bridge Creek, near the Silver Falls school house on the logging road of the Silver Falls company.

Three bad fires are also reported on the company's holdings above Mehama. All of the company's logging crews are fighting the fires.

WASHINGTON FIRES BURNING OLYMPIA, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—While forest fires are general throughout Western Washington, all are on logged off land and there is little danger of green timber.

Little damage is caused from fires north of Seattle. Five small fires are reported in Grays Harbor county.

ENTIAT FIRES RAGES WENATCHEE, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—The forest fire in the Entiat valley is still uncontrolled today.

ORCHARD, HOME BURNS WENATCHEE, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—The orchard and home of John Bickle, Pashatin, was destroyed by fire here yesterday. The loss is \$10,000.

MEN RUSHED TO WOODS MISSOULA, Mont. (By the Associated Press)—All available reinforcements were rushed today to Clearwater, Kaniksu, Lolo, St. Joe and the Kootenai forests where fires got beyond control of hundreds of men fighting them.

FIGHTING IS DIFFICULT PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Extremely dry weather and high winds are making

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Republicans, Democrats Planning 'Awful Rackets'

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (Special)—The Democrats have staked out a program they believe will make the Republicans a heap of trouble at the next session of congress. The Republicans have staked out a counter-program to ward this trouble off.

The Democratic scheme is to make an awful racket about tariff reduction. The Republican scheme is to make so much more racket about tax reduction that the tariff reduction racket will be drowned out.

Both parties will be doing their holding with a view to its effect on the 1928 congressional elections.

"The tariff," said the Democrats to themselves, "is an important issue, but little understood, except by economists, of whom there are precious few. We must jazz it up for common folks. Wouldn't it be grand if we could get the solid women's vote?"

"By gracious! Maybe we can. Look how the cost of housekeeping has been rising lately. And women pay the bills. They'll be in a mighty favorable frame of mind to listen when we tell 'em

The high tariffs what makes everything so expensive." The Republicans are painfully conscious that this may be so.

The Democrats can't prevent the Democrats in congress from telling the nation, "A dozen of speeches next winter, what a good thing tariff reduction would be."

Then can, couldn't, but they suspect the Democrats' argument, presented as evidently it's going to be presented, will have a pretty strong appeal. They want something to talk about themselves—and something to show, that they've actually done for the voters.

The Republican offering will be tax reduction. Every time a Democrat urges tariff reduction a Republican will remind the nation that his party is in the very act of reducing taxes.

The Republicans meant to reduce them anyway and they'll make the most of doing it.

And in the 1928 campaign, every time a Democrat pleads for a chance to lower living costs by tariff reduction, a Republican will answer, "That's talk. We acted. We cut taxes down."