

GRANGERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

Local Organization Will Be All-Day Host to Pomona Granges

STATE OFFICIALS WILL PARTICIPATE

Spence, Hurd, Phy, Mary Jones, Shumway and Others to Appear on Speaker's Stand.

GRANGE DAY PROGRAM 10:30 a. m.—Opening of grange. 12:00 p. m.—Basket lunch. 1:00 p. m.—Grange conferences. 1:40 p. m.—Lecturer's program. 4:30 p. m.—Closed grange meeting. 7:00 p. m.—Dinner. 7:00 p. m.—Committee meetings. 8:00 p. m.—Closed grange meeting.

La Grande tomorrow will be the stamping ground for grange members from over all Eastern Oregon when the Blue Mountain grange will entertain the Union County Pomona grange and other granges from nearby counties in an all-day meeting to be held in the Odd Fellows' hall. State officials, including Dr. W. T. Phy, of the board of health; Mary Jones, state home economic extension service; and C. E. Spence, state market agent, officers who will be in attendance are A. R. Shumway and Paul Carpenter. The morning session and some of the evening and afternoon conferences will be closed to the general public but the basket lunch at noon, the afternoon program.

L. H. S. FACULTY ENJOYS PICNIC

Honoring the newer members of the high school teachers, their wives and husbands, gathered at the foot of Mt. Emily for a steak fry last evening. After supper, the ambitious climbed the slope for a view of the country, while those more content with quiet enjoyment looped the bonfire and prepared for the informal program of songs and tales that followed. Present were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Longfellow, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Towler, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lindgren, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McEachran, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Campbell, Misses Carolyn Hamman, Esther Bretholz, Anna M. Davis, Ruby Dillon, Ruth Johnson, Isabelle Miller, Florence B. Thompson, Juanita Van Burg, Eleanor E. Vernon, Muriel Wilson and Owen Richey.

Harding Memorial Body To Be Organized Oct. 8

Organization of the Harding Memorial association at Milton-Freswater is the announced purpose of a meeting that will be held at Metolonga school at 8:30 p. m. Oct. 8. Representatives will be present from La Grande, Baker, Wallawa and other nearby towns. Bruce Dennis will head the local group. Others who have been invited to attend are Fred Steiner, general chairman, and congressional delegates from both Washington and Oregon.

Huron and Ely Attend Vets' Meeting at Baker

Major R. R. Huron and Capt. Ely, army instructor with the national guard, represented the local party of Spanish-American War Veterans at the initial meeting of Frederick Punstan camp, No. 21, last evening at Elkhorn temple, Baker. Ways and means for the entertainment of the state encampment at Baker next year was the gist of the several talks given, including brief speeches by Maj. Huron and Capt. Ely. The attendance numbered 26.

BOYS AND GIRLS WIN ELGIN FAIR HONORS

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to The Observer).—Elgin has her arm outstretched, her flags aloft and her band playing in welcome to each and all for the third annual showing of Union county fair. The fairgrounds bear all the earmarks of a lively occasion. Fairgoers in their blazing best vie in color with the flowers and fruit that paint the pavilion. The air rings with the clatter of hoofbeats and grunts of animals on exhibition, the jingling of apparatus adjusted to the town heel and the cries of the sandwich and fortune wheel men down in the alley of concessions.

All that lacks now to smash records is more crowd, and with today's attendance in steady ascent, the promoters express satisfaction that the fair will realize all their best hopes for success. No excuses need be made for the swine exhibit. In the opinion of H. G. Avery, county agriculturalist, it is the best shown on the grounds, and in quality surpasses anything that has been shown in Union county in the last five years.

Boys and Girls Score High. The greater share of the prize-earning hogs are owned by members of the Boys and Girls clubs. They were not content with surprising their elders with the class of stiff they brought on as members of the clubs, but competed in the open classes and carried off most of the blue ribbons.

Russell McKennon and Clifford Conrad were the day's prominent figures among the hog exhibitors yesterday. The boys live on adjoining farms near Imbler, and both are completing their fourth year in club work. Their success was not a complete shock to their older competitors, for both young men walked off with championships at the livestock show in Union last June.

Russell took everything offered. Poland-China entries in clubwork, including the championship. In open contest, he got first prizes for his boar a year old, boar six months and under one year, sow a year old, and first and second for sows under a year. He plans to take a pen of four sows to the Pacific International at Portland. A senior in the high school, Russell, who is sixteen years old, is piling up shekels for his college expenses next year when he enters O. A. C. Hogs, even including prizes will not see him through, but he has some land that he will work during summer vacations. His spring wheat yielded 29 bushels to the acre this year.

Conrad Wins Blue Ribbons. Clifford Conrad makes his records in Chester Whites, even taking ribbons from his father, who has been an outstanding hog raiser for nearly 14 years. Clifford's prizes were: first for a boar a year and over; first for boar six months and under one year; first for a sow a year and over; second for six months sow; first for grand display, and first for best pen of fat hogs. He also surpassed in club competition. Four of his market national, where he took a second prize last year. He was the biggest exhibitor last spring at Union.

Clifford is 13 and in the eighth grade. He wants to be a farmer, if he can arrange to have someone else milk the cows. Daniels Wins Bull Calf. R. H. Daniels, Cove, with a grade cow, won the registered Holstein bull calf regularly given by Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake. There were six entries. Not all of the money found its way to the men's pockets. Miss Carmen Daniel, a club girl from Cove, showed two Holstein heifers, one of which was easily the outstanding dairy animal of the entire show.

Dr. Little, of Cove, and Floyd Kendall, of Elgin, exhibited registered Jerseys. Ira Smith, of Elgin and Lewis Stanley, of La Grande, divided the money on Ayrshires. Live stock displays are not as large as those at Union, but the barns are full. Additional space would have to be added before this department could be augmented.

In the beef cattle section, the attention centered on the display of Dotted Herefords by W. R. Phillips & Son, of Union. A. H. Parsons of Elgin, got a blue ribbon on his Hereford bull, all other Hereford prizes going to the Phillips herd.

H. H. Huron and Joe Sommer exhibited purebred Shortborns. Huron had the larger display and won the larger display.

WOMAN HELD AS WITNESS. VINTON, Iowa (By The Associated Press).—Mrs. Hester Stieling, of Sioux City, is in custody as a grand jury witness in connection with the investigation of the death of Mrs. Myrtle Cook, W. C. T. U. president the leader of the county Ki Klux Klan women organization who was shot in her home here September 7. Sheriff Ithell announced today.

Mrs. Stieling stayed at the same boarding house, Cook patronized when he lived in Sioux City. Both she and C. B. Cook, husband of the slain woman, have been questioned by investigators. County Attorney Nichols announced Mrs. Stieling will be called before the jury to testify concerning her relations with Cook.

Two Girls Get Trip to Fair. BOARDMAN, Ore.—Glady Wicklander of Boardman and Violet Knight of Irrigon are the two girls who will go to the state fair at Salem from this section.

Remains of H. F. Grove En Route to Illinois. Mrs. H. F. Grove and Mrs. Dick Rettig left this morning for Macomb, Ill., accompanying the body of H. F. Grove, who was killed at Maccomb in a railroad accident Wednesday. The remains were forwarded from the mortuary of Snodgrass and Zimmerman and will be received, on arrival at Maccomb, former home of the deceased, by Masons, who will have charge of the funeral services.

Harvest Moon Ball to Be Given Next Friday. Members of American Legion Post No. 43 are making preparations for their third annual "Harvest Moon" ball, which will be given at Zuber hall one week from tonight, Friday, October 2. This is one of the largest dances given by the legionnaires during the year and is looked forward to eagerly.

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OPPOSITION VOICED TO RE-ZONING

School Board Transfers Eight Pupils From Central to Willow

CONGESTION CAUSE OF REASSIGNMENT

Action Fails to Meet with Approval of Some Parents; City Officers Help Enforce Ruling

Unusual congestion of pupils in Central school this term necessitated a re-zoning and transfer of eight pupils from fourth grade of that district to the new Willow building, according to information given out today by the board of education.

As soon as it became apparent last week that the fourth grade teacher at Central had been assigned to a group of 44 pupils when the statutes of the state provide that a single instructor shall preside over a group of no more than 36 pupils, the board of education decided that a re-zoning of pupils was the only advisable solution for the problem.

Acting under the instruction of the board, Superintendent J. T. Longfellow re-zoned the zones according to geographical lines of the city, and transfers of eight pupils in the fourth grade to Willow school were made to relieve the congestion.

Members of the board state that, conditions at Willow school are ideal, with the further advantage of increased individual attention for each of the pupils transferred.

Immediate objection to the transfer has been made by one or two families affected by the new ruling, and these parents insisted on continuing in some instances it is said. To enforce the transfer, the school board states it was necessary to call city officers.

Continued opposition to the ruling on the part of parents whose children are affected is probable and resort to legal procedure may be taken, it is understood.

Auditing of County's Books Now Under Way. Max Cranfall, expert accountant, and his assistant, J. W. Marsh, both of Portland, began the auditing of books at the county court house this week, and expect to be engaged there for several weeks. This is the first time Cranfall has audited Union county books since the county seat was moved here from Union.

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Striking Students "Picket" School



When students at Boonton, N. J., high school went on strike because the school principal, Albert S. Davis, had been dropped by the board of trustees, they put out pickets just like regular strikers. Pickets here are shown relieving students of their books at the entrance to the school grounds.

WIFE IS GIVEN TO BOARDER

MANSFIELD, England (By The Associated Press).—Tired of his wife's cooking and dissatisfied with her conduct Walter Knowles, clerk of Kirby, beat her every night for a week and then gave her to their boarder as a present. Knowles admitted the charge when called into court on a charge of non-support.

He was presented a note written by Knowles reading: "This is to certify that I, Walter Knowles, have turned my wife over to Andy Bayliss, lodger."

Rural Schools Closed During County Fair. Several rural schools in the county dismissed their pupils today that they might attend the fair at Elgin. In some cases, teachers and pupils will make up sight-seeing parties. Schools around Elgin had no classes either yesterday or today.

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Car Plunges Into River; Three Drown

EUGENE, Ore. (By The Associated Press).—Three men were drowned at 5 o'clock this morning when the car in which they were riding plunged into the east side of the Willamette river at the Pacific highway ferry at Harbinger, Ore. The dead are: W. R. EASTEP, Roseburg, Ore.; EDWARD BOYER, Percy, Ill.; ARCHIE STEVENS, Percy, Ill. A fourth occupant of the car, Trevor Spiller, swam to safety. The men were on route to Eugene and it is believed they did not know that a ferry existed at that point and plunged through the chain at the ferry approach into the river.

Fourth Occupant Swims to Bank of Willamette River, Escaping Similar Fate.

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AMERICAN VIEWPOINT MADE CLEAR

French Debt Commission's Proposal Criticized by Officials

MORE ACCEPTABLE OFFER EXPECTED

Little More Than Ten Minutes Required for Joint Session; "Usual Progress" Made.

WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—The American viewpoint was given the French debt commission today in a meeting at the treasury between the negotiators of the two nations, which are seeking a basis for the settlement of the French war debt of four billion dollars.

Hardly more than 10 minutes was required for the second joint conference between the negotiators of the two nations, which is described as "having made the progress usual in such negotiations."

It is indicated that the American commissioners pointed to French points on which the original French offer, made yesterday, could be made more acceptable.

No comment of either commission is available. Another joint session will probably be held tomorrow.

OFFER SUBMITTED. WASHINGTON (By The Associated Press).—The long pending French debt funding negotiators got under way yesterday and the French submitted an offer for a settlement. There the conversation rested last night after a brief formal joint session of the commissions representing the two governments and two separate meetings of the American commission had been held.

SEATTLE, Wash. (By The Associated Press).—The Pacific Coast association of fire chiefs, closing its four day convention last night, elected state vice presidents, including Tom Graham, of Corvallis.

C. O. Murchison, La Grande fire chief, was in attendance at the convention. He is expected home tomorrow.

AIR BOARD IS WELL-ROUNDED

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—From aviation's super-enthusiasts comes the complaint that only one member of President Coolidge's board of air inquiry—Senator Bingham of Connecticut—is a man of actual World War flying experience.

Bingham had it, as commander of America's biggest aviation field in Europe during the World conflict.

This isn't supposed to be a board handicapped to declare for all the super-enthusiasts' contentions. Impartial consideration is what's desired from it.

The further complaint is made that Bingham is on record as considering Col. Mitchell's aviation claims exaggerated. So he isn't aren't the conservatives entitled to representation on the board, as well as the radicals?

The latter are represented, too. Representative Vinson of Georgia fought hard at the last session of Congress for all they demanded.

James G. Harbord and Rear Admiral Fletcher, the army and navy members of the board, are retired. It's worth noting. Nobody will have any strings on them, to influence them in reaching their conclusions.

President W. F. Durand of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers is the strictly scientific and President H. E. Coffin of National Air Transport, Inc., is the pre-commissioner.

Dwight W. Morrow of J. P. Morgan & Co. is the business man, Congressman Parker of New York is the civilian aviation specialist and federal Judge Denison of Grand Rapids gives the civil, judicial touch to the investigation.

On paper, at least, it looks like a well-rounded body, competent and curvy representative of all the different interests. But it will have to hurry to finish its work, just started, before Congress meets.

COOLS-CURRY FAIR OPEN

MYRTLE POINT, Ore.—The Cools and Curry counties fair opened with exhibits more extensive than in previous years. The local band and the Hanson orchestra will furnish the musical program.

Much interest centers in the racing which will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Some of the fast horses of the state are entered.