

LA GRANDE
MEN VISIT
IN WALLOWAChamber of Commerce on
Annual Excursion in
Branchline AreaEVENING SPENT
AT WONDERLANDTrout Breakfast Starts
Off Day—Dinner at
Wallowa to Precede Re-
turn Home.

JOSEPH, Ore., June 25. (Special.)—Pep and good fellowship characterized the meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce and the Enterprise business men last night when the M. E. women fed approximately 20 persons in Odd Fellows' hall. In fact, the bracing air of Wallowa county has injected into the camaraderie plenty of energy.

Before dinner Director Andrew Loney and his band played several numbers at the city square. A large crowd was attracted by the music. A colorful band in monkey suits from an Enterprise road show had played just before, and it is difficult to state which organization attracted the most attention.

Mayor Welcomes Visitors.
When Toastmaster Jim Morlock had permitted the gang to satisfy its appetites, whetted by

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HARRISON PLEA
WILL BE HEARD
MONDAY, JUNE 28

Sam Harrison was charged with possession in the justice court at La Gr., today, after state and local officers, raiding his home at 4th Fourth street, had confiscated a pint flask of moonshine, another flask containing a small amount of liquor, and some empty bottles and jugs. Judge Hugh E. Brady gave the defendant until 1 p. m. Monday, June 28, to prepare his plea, and admitted him to bail in the sum of \$250.

The arrest was made by George M. Pierce, special deputy, assisted by J. L. Zimmerman and L. L. McBride, state officers.

Zimmerman and McBride arrived last night from the coast to act as witnesses in the trial of George Harold, whose hearing on a transportation charge has been postponed from this morning until this afternoon. Henry L. Hess is defendant's counsel.

Elgin Caravan Advertises
Independence Day CelebrationThis Girl
Ran Away
From Home

It is said that if all the knickers owned by the girls of La Grande were placed end to end they would reach clear to the top of the hill back of Cove.

That shows how many young ladies have learned the comfort offered to the wearer of such a garment for hiking or play. But in spite of the number who own knickers and the pleasing spectacle they present when on a hike, dozens of other girls would be in the market if they were reminded of their need. They like to run away to the hills.

The real reason why girls wear knickers (that's the pretty name for them) has never been guessed. Some hold it is because they resemble what the boys wear, others because they are easy to walk in. But it is a safe guess to say that the merchant who advertises knickers in The Observer will sell a lot of other garments to his knicker customers. Observer ads are read, because girls and women like to see what their sex is wearing.

"Early History of La Grande"

Dean Snook, a third grader at Central school won an honorable mention in the local history essay contest with his story of the "Early History of La Grande." Dean's essay covers the period between 1880, when Mrs. Lytle, from whom he took his information, came to the valley, and 1884, when the railroad drew the settlement down from the hill.

Early in the fall of 1880, when Mrs. Lytle came to this valley, the town was entirely in south La Grande.

The first building to be built near where the railroad now is was a hotel. It was near where the residence of J. D. McKennon now is on the banks of a small stream. This hotel was built by Mrs. Stultz. Sometime afterward it was torn down.

Mr. Halston next built a small

building near where the L. L. Drug company now is. He was engaged in the furniture business. His house was over his store.

Next was a wooden building erected by J. Brooks, the beginning of the present building now occupied by N. K. West & Co.

In these times, the Grande Ronde river did much damage, because the river wasn't wide enough to carry the water off. It would overflow and fill the basements of these buildings, making conditions very disagreeable.

Mr. Joe Woods ran the first livery barn in La Grande.

In the year of 1884, the railroad came through. This was an inducement for the town to be built off the hill.

The present town was at that time a wheat field.

From this early beginning, La Grande has grown to be a beautiful town.

I got my information from Mrs. Lytle.

GAR PLUNGES
OFF BRIDGEMr. and Mrs. C. A. Cummings, Salt Lake City,
Injured Near Hilgard
This Morning.

Smashing through the wooden railings of the bridge about a mile toward La Grande from Hilgard, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Cummings, of Salt Lake City, were only slightly injured when they drove off the Oregon Trail highway after 10 o'clock this morning.

Passing motorists rescued them from the water and took them to the Grande Ronde hospital, where it was found that Mr. Cummings had a dislocated shoulder and his wife was suffering from shock.

The couple was driving toward La Grande at a high rate of speed, according to Benjamin Hosford, of Walla Walla, who reported the accident to the sheriff's office.

Colliding with the Hosford car on the bridge, Cummings pulled sharply aside and crashed through the bridge railings.

He was thrown into the river, but Mrs. Cummings remained in the car, the report indicated. Hosford said he and the two women with him were not injured.

Chambers of Commerce
Council Meets Monday

HOT LAKE, June 25. (Special.)—The second meeting of the council of Union county chambers of commerce will be held at Hot Lake next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Phy, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, will be host at dinner to secretaries and other presidents of the five groups in the county.

A caravan of nine automobiles from Elgin toured Union county yesterday arriving in La Grande about four o'clock in the afternoon. The purpose of the visit was to advertise the Independence Day celebration to be held there July 2 and 3.

The caravan—made up of thirty-six people—visited Sunnyside, Island City, Cove, Union and La Grande.

A sixteen-piece band was a part of the caravan besides nine girls, in costume, calling attention to the Pageant of Nations, which will be a feature of the last day of the celebration. Fifteen or twenty nations will be represented.

Push Ball Featured
A large push ball, seven feet in circumference, was also a part of the caravan. The push ball was shipped to Elgin from Vancouver and will be an entirely new feature at the celebration.

Camoron, of Pumpkin Ridge, is organizing a team of twenty men, and challenges Elgin, Imbler, Cove, Cricket Flat or any other community to a game.

The rodeo and racing committee, headed by Joe Sommer, have their list of events and rodeo programs just about completed.

There will be business floats, church floats, fraternal floats, automobile floats and other features, including a covered wagon and a miner's pack train, in the parade.

Prizes Offered
The following list of prizes will be offered:

Church and fraternal floats—first, \$10.00; second, \$5.00; third, \$2.50.

Pageant of Nations division, including couples on horseback as well as on foot—first, \$7.50; second, \$5; third, \$2.50.

Business and other floats on wagons—first, \$15.00; second, \$7.50; third, \$5.00.

Automobile division—first, \$10.00; second, \$5.00; third, \$2.50.

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ASH BROTHERS
ASSIGNS STOCK
TO CREDITORS

Ash Bros., clothing, for 25 years a prominent merchandising firm in La Grande, Thursday afternoon assigned its stock of men's clothing to the adjustment bureau of the Portland Association of Creditors. The stock is being liquidated under the direction of Ray Marti, of Portland, and will be sold as soon as possible to satisfy the creditors. Bids probably will be called for Monday, Marti said this morning.

The action seemed advisable when adverse business conditions complicated the situation arising from the continued ill health of William Ash, proprietor, according to Julian Ash, who has been associated with his father in the business. The firm moved into its present quarters, at Adams avenue and Elm street, about 11 months ago. Before that time, for several years the store was located in the Sommer building, in the room now occupied by Western-haver & Gilbert, and later in the rooms now occupied by the Paris.

The older Mr. Ash has no present plans, but may seek a lower altitude a little later in the hope of bettered health. Julian Ash is assisting the adjustment bureau's representative with the inventory.

POMOLOGISTS IN
LA GRANDE TODAY;
PRAISE OREGON

"You have a wonderful apple country and we are learning a good deal from your orchardists, but we worried of looking at sagebrush until we arrived in Oregon," declared A. I. Hall, New Hampshire member of the American Pomological society's expedition into the northwest, when the pair of special cars stepped in La Grande with train No. 17 this morning.

Sixty pomologists headed by Paul Stark, of Louisiana, Mo., president of the society, are making the trip for the purpose of studying apple growers' methods in this part of the country. They represent 16 different states, most of them east of the Mississippi.

"We were delightedly surprised when the Idaho growers led us down into the fertile Boise valley after our weary trip across the desert," the New Hampshire horticulturist continued.

The party will stop at Hood River for two days, then visit Wacatche, Yakima and other fruitlands in this section. Their cars will be switched from road to road for the rail journey, but they will also make a number of tours by automobile.

"We are having a wonderful time, and hope the western fruit growers will give us a chance to entertain them in our home states in return," finished Mr. Hall, as the brakeman motioned the pomologists aboard.

Union Boy Scouts to
Build New Clubhouse

UNION, Ore., June 25.—The boy scouts of Union, now meeting in a cabin at the state fish hatchery just east of Union, are planning on constructing a clubhouse on the hatchery site in the near future. It was announced today.

The boys, about 15 in number, will do the work themselves, and also make their furniture. The Rev. William Murray Bradner, Episcopal pastor at Cove, is scoutmaster.

First Grass Fire Of
Season Extinguished

La Grande experienced its first grass fire of the season last night when the fire truck was called to East Jefferson avenue to control a blaze.

The alarm was sounded at 8:15 o'clock and ten minutes later the fire was extinguished.

A fire drill was held at 7 o'clock last night, the pumper throwing four streams of water back of the Foley hotel.

BOY DROWNS
IN STREAM
NEAR HEREWilmer Edgar Taylor, 13,
Dead When Taken from
Grande Ronde RiverPULMOTOR FAILS
TO RESTORE LIFEBruise Leads to Belief
That He Was Rendered
Unconscious Before
Death.

Wilmer Edgar Taylor, aged 13 years, was drowned yesterday afternoon about four o'clock in the Grande Ronde river just above the Oro Dell bridge. He and several other small boys were swimming in the river there, where the old dam used to be, when Wilmer slipped on a rock and went into water beyond his depth. He may have struck his head on a rock as he fell as there is a small bruise on his forehead.

According to the other little boys Wilmer went under the water two times and each time came to the top again, but when he went under the third time and didn't come up they became frightened. One of the boys ran about a quarter of a mile down the river to a hobo camp and three of the men returned with him and took the little boy from the water and one was working with him trying to bring him back to life, when Len Snodgrass arrived. Dr. E. G. Kirby arrived a few moments later and the pulmotor was used, but without success. The little boy had been in the water too long and could not be brought back to life. No time during their attempts did he show any signs of breathing.

Water 5 Feet Deep
The hole where the children were swimming is not more than five feet deep in any one place.

Wilmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor. He and his mother and four brothers came to La Grande from Red Lodge, Montana last November. His father is still in Montana. Three of the brothers are older than Wilmer. They make their home near the Stange mill on the north side of town, where they moved only two days ago. Two of the boys are

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FORESTS BURN
NEAR KLAMATHBlaze in Virgin Stand of
Yellow Pine Out of
Control—Fighters Go
to Scene.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 25. (AP)—Completely out of control, the largest forest fire in Klamath during the past two years is doing thousands of dollars of damage 15 miles south of this city.

The fire is in the midst of a virgin stand of yellow pine timber, owned by the Weyerhaeuser Timber company. Despite the rise in humidity, the fire whipped by a brisk breeze, spread rapidly before daylight this morning. An emergency call for fire fighters was dispatched, and all through the night, taxis were rushing fire fighters from Klamath Falls to the fire line.

Huge columns of smoke rolling up from the timber carpeted mountains testify to the size of the blaze.

Second Emergency Call

A second emergency call for fire fighters was sent in from the fire line this morning and if the fire is uncontrolled by this afternoon, it is predicted that further destruction of men to fight the conflagration will be necessary.

The blaze menaces one of the finest stands of pine timber in the Klamath country, of which is owned by the Weyerhaeuser company.

Speeder Cannot Drive
His Car for 30 Days

A new method of punishing speeders was adopted in the municipal court last night when H. E. Dixon, acting judge, sentenced Alvin Bennett. The judge suspended Bennett's operators license for a period of 30 days.

The arrest was made by Officer H. Howard.

WOMAN EVANGELIST
PARTY WILL
VISIT HUTWoman Evangelist Leads
Officers in Quest of
Kidnapers' CabinSCORE REPORTERS
FOR THEIR YARNSMrs. McPherson Threat-
ens to File "Several Li-
bel Suits"—Resents
"Unfairness."

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 25. (AP)—An unconfirmed report received here this afternoon said that James Randolph, race track driver and an operative for a film corporation whose name was not learned, had located the shack in Sonora, Mexico, in which Alvin Karpis and his associates were held captive by three kidnapers.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 25. (AP)—Heading a party including Herman Cline, Los Angeles detective chief; Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, her mother; A. R. Murchison, Douglas police sergeant; the chief of police of Agua Prieta, Sonora; and Charles Cross, trucker and guide, Alvin Karpis and his associates early today started for the San Bernardino ranch, southwest of here, in search of a cabin in which the evangelist said she had been held captive by three kidnapers.

The searchers left in three autos. They will stop at the Slaughter ranch, in the vicinity of their objective, and will continue the trip over the desolate plains of Sonora on horseback.

Will Stick to Hunt
Before leaving, she made the statement that they would stick to the hunt as long as Mrs. McPherson was able in her weakened condition, taking a week if necessary.

He declared that he was "morally certain" the party would locate the shack and that with this tangible evidence in hand it would be an easier matter to proceed with the apprehension of the trio, said by Mrs. McPherson to have abducted her from Ocean Park, Cal., May 18.

Alvin Dislikes Stories

The filing of "several libel suits" upon her return to Los Angeles were threatened by Mrs. McPherson, Angeles Temple evangelist, before a gathering of newspaper men here this morning. While she addressed the representatives of the press and Herman Cline, Los Angeles chief of detectives, the evangelist trembled with anger at what she declared to be the "unfairness" of some reporters.

She especially resented the appellation, she said, of "self styled healer" declaring that she never advertised herself as a "healer" but that she had only offered to pray for people who were ill in the belief that they would be healed by divine grace.

Plans Press Conference

The evangelist said she would call all press representatives together immediately upon her return today from a search for the shack where she said she had been held captive, and indicated that every reporter would be questioned in an effort to find out who wrote what she said were

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Labor Is in a Healthy
Condition in America

CINCINNATI, June 25. (AP)—Labor in this country is in a healthy condition and no labor trouble of consequence are in progress, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared on his arrival here to participate in the quarterly meeting of the executive council of the federation.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BROOKLYN (AP) R. H. E.
New York 4 6 2
Brooklyn 7 12 1
Batteries: V. Barnes, Davies and Florence; J. Barnes and O'Neil.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Chicago-St. Louis postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
New York 12 13 1
Boston 2 7 1

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit-Cleveland game was called off at the end of the second inning today because of rain. The score stood 2 to 1 in favor of Cleveland.

Bomb Blasts Wreck Theater



None killed and none injured, but Los Angeles was startled immeasurably by the largest bomb outrage of many years when the Brooklyn Theater was mysteriously blasted. The picture shows damage to the interior of the structure. Inset is E. H. Enos, of the Los Angeles fire department, examining a portion of 150 sticks of dynamite that failed to explode.

INJURED BOY
MAY RECOVERDonald Johnson, 13, Acci-
dentally Shot While
Hunting, Has a Chance
at Life.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., June 25.—Latest reports are that Donald Johnson has a chance to recover.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., June 25.—While hunting in Little Deep creek, in the Snake river canyon Sunday noon Donald Johnson, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, was severely wounded by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

He was sitting down and the gun slipped along the ground below him, the charge entering the body in the groin, the shot scattering through his abdominal cavity. This, in itself fearful enough, was only the beginning of experiences too harrowing for words to portray.

The boy's only companion was his brother, Merland, 10, who ran back to the ranch house where he found his mother whom he led to the suffering lad. Donald had written into the water and mud of the creek and was already experiencing a chill. His mother tore off her clothing to dress his wound and to warm him and the younger boy returned to the river in search of help.

He saddled a horse and rode several miles to the Russell ranch where he found Glenn Russell and Homer Hayes, and then he found Mike Thompson. The two former started at once for the creek where

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CITY SWELTERS;
MERCURY CLIMBS
TO NEW RECORD

After a scorching 75 degrees above yesterday afternoon followed by an evening when the mercury played around from 61 to 73 above, the thermometer began a steady mount this morning and at noon was at 95.5 degrees, according to an official reading.

Whether a slight breeze will prevent it from surpassing yesterday's seasonal record remains to be seen.

PENDLETON, June 25. (AP)—The thermometer used by the late Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer of Pendleton prior to his death, registered 113 degrees yesterday afternoon. Since his death Pendleton has been without the services of an official observer. Thermometers throughout the city yesterday registered from 105 to 120 degrees.

HEAT WAVE CONTINUES

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25. (AP)—Oregon's heat wave continued today though temperatures were not so high here as yesterday. In Portland at 1:30 today the thermometer registered 87, and the weather bureau did not expect the maximum to be as high as yesterday's 99.

Bulletins

EUGENE, Ore., June 25. (AP)—Baker was selected as the next convention city today by Oregon Elks in session here.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 25. (AP)—Medford was selected as the next convention city today by Oregon Elks in session here.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 25. (AP)—Police Hoyer, who mounted the scaffold at Folsom prison at 10:05 o'clock this morning, was dropped through the trap and was pronounced dead 11 minutes and 35 seconds later, thus paying with his life for the murder of Francisco George Campbell, San Francisco policeman.

PARIS, June 25. (AP)—A plot which had as its objective the overthrow of the Primo De Rivera government in Spain, backed by advanced republicans and liberal elements, has been discovered and many persons connected with it including numerous intellectuals are under arrest, says a dispatch to the Journal from Madrid.

Baker-Unity Highway
Bid Call Due in July

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25. (AP)—The state highway commission in monthly session here, asked for bids on a number of important projects to be opened at the July meeting. The new work includes:

Grading of the last unimproved section of the Baker-Unity highway.

The commission announced it is opposed to the use of six-wheeled trucks on state highways. The commission will ask the coming legislature to pass a law against it.

Crowds Stampede From Storm;
1,000 Catholics Are Treated

CHICAGO, June 25. (AP)—Surging crowds returning from the concluding Eucharistic congress session at Mundelein last night overwhelmed police and railroad officials after a terrific rain and hail storm swept down on the vast assemblage, drenching participants in the ceremonies and the onlookers and ruining priestly vestments valued at \$200,000.

In the rush for trains a number of persons were hurt, but most of the injuries were slight. More than 100 persons were brought to Chicago on a special hospital train while the others less seriously hurt, were sent to their homes. The most seriously injured was Mrs. Sarah Murphy, 60, of Chicago with a fractured skull and dislocated hip. Two other persons suffered fractured ribs.

1,000 Treated

More than 1,000 other congress pilgrims were treated during the day at emergency first aid stations on the grounds where the ceremonies were held. Most of the cases were due to fainting or to exhaustion.

A crowd estimated to number

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Clear, but tonight and tomorrow will be cloudy and unsettled with the usual. Cooler in the interior. Light to moderate southwesterly winds.

INQUEST IS
UNDER WAY
IN SEATTLECoroner Determined to
Investigate Death of
Miss GainesSHERIFF OBJECTS;
PREDICTS "BOMB""I Expect to Cause Some
Excitement Early in
the Inquest," Starwich
Declares.

SEATTLE, June 25. (AP)—An inquest ordered by the coroner and opposed by Sheriff Starwich, county official, and Detective Chief Tonnart, began today to investigate the slaying of Sylvia Howard Gaines here. Starwich said, "There will be a bombshell exploded in this case. New evidence is being uncovered by my men. I expect to cause some excitement early in the inquest."

The jurors, who were impaneled Tuesday and viewed then the body of Miss Gaines, 21-year-old graduate of Smith college, went, as their first move, to reconnoiter the shore of Green lake, five miles from the center of the city where she was beaten with a stone, drenched, mistreated and choked.

Inspector Jones.

Coroner Corson instructed the jurors in their duty, and Chief Deputy Coroner Jones led them to the lake.

When a juror asked "where is the rock?" Corson replied that the city detective department had it, "but we will get it later."

The most startling development of a night of investigation was an announcement by Corson that he would have a statement taken from each juror as to what he or she saw.

Indications were that the hearing would last a while. When Deputy Coroner Jones said the first man would be in the jury box at eight to the witness stand at the halling.

Sheriff Starwich indicated that he would refuse to allow the deputies to testify at the inquest.

About 10 persons were summoned to the inquest and an invitation was extended to every one who knew anything about the case.

Defendant Brother
In statements before the inquest opened, William A. Gaines, a King county commissioner who is a brother of Wallace, and Robert A. (Continued on Page 5)

NORBECK RELIEF
PROPOSAL LOSES
IN SENATE TODAY

WASHINGTON, June 25. (AP)—The Norbeck farm relief proposal providing export bounties for wheat and corn was rejected today by the senate.

A motion to put aside all farm legislation and take up the veterans rehabilitation bill, was made in the senate late today by Senator Watson, republican, Indiana, one of the leaders of the group favoring the McNary bill.

Senator McNary, republican, Oregon floor leader of the forces favoring his bill, declared that he would support the Watson motion.