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PAY TRIBUTE TO LA GRANDE SOLDIER DEAD

Memorial Day Program Begins with Parade to the Cemetery

NINE CIVIL WAR VETERANS REMAIN

Commander A. J. Martin and Comrades Conduct Services at Gaves—Dinner at Noon.

Memorial day in La Grande this year finds only nine veterans of the Civil war on the local Grand Army of Republic rolls—where formerly many, many more were listed.

Death has cut heavily into the veterans of the rebellion but the remaining members are carrying on. Under the leadership of Commander A. J. Martin they are taking a fairly active part in the program in La Grande this morning under the supervision of the American Legion.

Other members of the G. A. R. post here are: G. W. Allen, vice commander; E. M. Murphy, junior commander; J. W. Oliver, adjutant and chaplain; C. C. Colwell, officer of the day; Joe Auson; past commander; Artimus Stults, Peter Kinney and J. W. Nedro.

In Memory of Soldier Dead

In addition to paying honor to the dead and living Civil war soldiers, Memorial day is also devoted to the memory of dead of the Spanish-American and the World wars.

The program began here this morning shortly after 11 o'clock, when a parade formed near the First Presbyterian church on Washington avenue and Elm street. The line of march took the procession along Washington to Fourth, thence to Adams and down Adams to Hemlock, then turning toward the Masonic cemetery, where ritualistic services will be conducted by Commander A. J. Martin and the other members of the G. A. R. post.

Parade to Cemetery

The parade was in charge of Captain G. L. Dutton, and Sergeant Jess Andress, of Company E, 186th Infantry, O. N. G.

In addition to the members of the national guard unit here, other organizations taking part were: boy scouts, G. A. R. and W. R. C. members, Spanish-American and World war veterans, the American Legion, and the La Grande municipal band.

To Serve Dinner

Following the services at the cemetery, dinner will be served at noon at the K. P. hall by members of the Woman's Relief Corps for all ex-service men, guardsmen, and band members.

All business houses are closed today and the city itself is united in observance, which in reality began yesterday when Memorial services were held in local churches.

Observances are also being held at Union, Summerville, Cove, Elgin

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SCHOOL MONEY DISBURSEMENT IS COMPLETED

The annual May disbursements among districts of the county were completed Saturday according to E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent. County disbursements which are determined by the school population, amounted to $21,697.80 while elementary disbursements, or those arranged according to the number of teachers in a district, totaled $15,560.50.

OVER 80 NEW CITY "SUBS" IN MAY

So far during the month of May there have been over 80 new families subscribe to The Observer service by carrier in the city of La Grande — more than 80 new family circles reading The Observer each evening. That's the circulation growth in one month.

Each new subscriber constitutes a business opportunity for the La Grande business firms who have good merchandise to sell and good service to render. Regular advertising messages in The Observer builds confidence and wins patronage not only with the new readers but with thousands of old readers. For as little as 80c a day to a four inch display space the aggressive business man can keep profitable contact with over 2000 families in the La Grande territory. In no other way can he cover this territory so effectively at so small a cost.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

La Grande Firm To Sell Insured Building, Loan

J. J. Carr, Manager of Company, Outlines the Service to Be Offered Association Members

Another step in the progress of the La Grande Building and Loan association, was taken at the last regular meeting of the board of directors, when it was decided to sell insured building and loan.

The plan, which combines the merits of building and loan and of life insurance, is extended only to the members of the building and loan association, and is so arranged that it can be paid for on the monthly plan with the regular payment on the building and loan policy, according to J. J. Carr, manager.

For Association Members

The insurance is from a local reserve company and can be had by the association members at the average net cost for $1000 protection at a rate of less than 60 cents per month, he says.

The decision to sell insured building and loan was reached by the board of directors after some two months of investigation Mr. Carr announces. The insurance company was gone into thoroughly and the rates examined. "We are sure there is nothing better to be offered our members," Mr. Carr stated.

Members of the board and the manager are very enthusiastic over the new plan, which is for the benefit of the customers of the association only, giving them ordinary life insurance protection at a minimum cost and at the same time accumulate a savings by paying into the building and loan association.

42 CLOUDY DAYS IN TWO MONTHS

Weather Is Unusual During April and May in La Grande Section

Herbert Lincoln Browne, long-distance weather forecaster, isn't so well liked in La Grande.

He is the man who predicted that the United States would have a summerless year in 1927 and local opinion is beginning to believe that he is about right—and that doesn't make his any more beloved.

For instance, during April and the first 28 days of May, La Grande had 42 cloudy or partly cloudy days! The clear days only numbered 19, which is an "unusually" small amount for this time of the year, it is said.

Then the weather hasn't been of worth, excepting the large share of three-day bonus. On April 28 the mercury dropped to 19 above—13 degrees below freezing point. On May 2 the thermometer registered 20 above and again on May 18 was only 21 above—both below freezing point.

During April about a half inch of rain fell, but .25 of an inch is to be exact. And this month 1.57 inches have fallen.

Few local people are "kicking" about the amount of rain but some are demanding to find that Jupiter Pluvius spread his efforts over so many days. Instead of pouring upon the farmer and gardener half an inch a day, he spread it over many days in small amounts, such as "trusses"—too light to measure, trickles of an inch or a fifth. He speeded up his efforts a little last week, however, coming home with .86 of an inch on May 26, 27 and 28.

April is many days, but it was May to use a slang expression. Thus, May 14 was two degrees warmer than the maximum for April, which was 86 above. On the other hand, May during 28 days 20 days in April, nine days clear. Then note 12 days in May found the maximum temperature as above or higher.

And, as June approaches, it is said that the ice man hasn't many calls but that the wood and coal man is doing a rushing business!

Singers To Give Program Tuesday

The principal feature of tomorrow's regular forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce will be several numbers by the chamber quartet, H. L. Sutton, Sherwood Williams, Elmer Shepherd and George E. Hicks.

This will be the first appearance of the quartet as a forum luncheon for many months, and is being looked forward to with considerable interest.

Joseph Stand On Project Unchanged

The Joseph commercial club, which went on record some time ago as supporting the Lewiston-Homestead railroad extension plan, took a recess on the question last week but was unable to change its stand, according to reports received here.

The vote resulted in a tie and the club failed to get an even vote to definitely go on record against the plan.

CONVENTION FINANCE PLAN IS AGREED ON

American Legion and Business Men Discuss Arrangements

ATTENDANCE LIST STEADILY GROWING

Salem Post Expects to Be Represented by 150 Delegates—Marshfield to Send Hundred.

A decision was reached to make a complete canvass of the business district of the city to complete the financing of the American Legion state convention to be held here July 21, 22 and 23 last Saturday noon when a joint meeting of the legion executive committee, the legion convention committee and the citizens advisory committee was held at the Sommer hotel.

This will be the last time anyone will be asked to donate, buy tickets to dances or any other entertainment for the benefit of the convention fund, members of the legion announce. The original plan was to stage the convention with funds raised by the legion by giving dances, concerts, shows and various contests, but certain representative business men, realizing the magnitude of the task and appreciating the advertising value and actual money return from the thousands of visitors, expressed a willingness to make outright donations to assure adequate financing. The business men present expressed a general feeling that every cent donated would be used to aid the city of La Grande.

Attendance To Be Large

Chairman Fred E. Kiddle announced that reports from over the state indicated an even greater attendance than was at first hoped for. He felt that with the problem of finance solved every member of the legion could go ahead with the elaborate plans outlined for entertainment of the visitors during the three days of the convention, which is expected to surpass any other state legion convention in size and enthusiasm.

A letter has been received from Salem post that it expects to have a membership of 1000 before convention time and that 150 will represent it in La Grande. Information has also been received from Condille that at least 20 legionnaires will attend the convention from there and about 100 from Marshfield. Bend and Prineville plan to send large delegations and Medford will send about 50.

Members of the committee who

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War Heroes Are Remembered In Sunday Services

The war heroes of the nation—those who fought and died and those who lived—were remembered yesterday during the morning hour of worship in most of the churches of the city, when tribute was paid to them in fitting Memorial services.

Several ex-service men accepted the special invitation extended by the First Presbyterian church, where the Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the church, gave an interesting talk on "Individuality and Achievement."

In paying tribute to the ex-soldier he declared that it was up to the people of today to think of better ways and means of "settling differences" than by war.

"War has failed to end war," he said. "On the contrary, it has always scattered the seeds from which future wars emerge. War always creates an appalling amount of hatred, and hate has its place in peace as well as in war."

In closing his sermon, the Rev. Walz said, "Let a man cease from his useful thoughts and all the world will soften toward him."

The Rev. J. A. Pollard conducted services at the First Baptist church yesterday for the last time as pastor of the church, and both the morning and evening hours of worship were well attended. "Guaranteed Success" was the subject of the sermon in the morning, which was a discussion of the successors of Joshua and Jesus and the secret of their success. Ten reasons for their success was given by Mr. Pollard, a right start and consecration to Jesus, which combined will mean success to anyone, the pastor stated.

Communion followed the morning worship hour.

In the evening the pastor talked on "Ships That Pass in The Night," applying the subject to the lives of men, saying that they should serve each other and give a friendly warning when differences approach.

The Rev. Mr. Pollard with his family will leave La Grande shortly after the first of June for Portland.

Three Graduate From Catholic Academy Sunday

Twelve Also Receive 8th Grade Diplomas—Bishop McGrath, of Baker, Confers Awards.

A large crowd of interested parents and friends and members of the Catholic church gathered at the church last evening when exercises were held for three girl graduates of the Sacred Heart academy high school and 12 students who have completed their eighth grade work at the academy.

The high school graduates receiving diplomas were Edna Davis, Florence Nelson and Jean McShain. The presentation was made by the Rt. Rev. Joseph S. McGrath, of Baker, who in a brief talk, following the presentation of diplomas, congratulated the students.

All Non-Catholics

He mentioned the fact that none of the three graduates were of the Catholic faith, saying that there was some other reason why the parents had sent them to the academy, and he believed it was because the parents wanted their children to have a religious influence along with their school work. He expressed his hope that the students would always remember one characteristic of the sisters of the academy, that of faithfulness to God and to their duty, declaring that success in their life work would not be difficult if they were faithful to God and to their duty.

Special music was a part of the commencement program. After the opening march, played on the pipe organ, Agnes Smith played a violin solo. Mrs. E. J. Donohue, soprano, Mrs. Frances Oliver, alto and William Peare, tenor, assisted by the church choir, sang "Ave Maria" by Batt Mann. Other numbers given by these soloists, assisted by the choir were "Lord's Creator" by J. R. Thomas and benediction, "O Salutaris" by Vincent Wallace. The choir sang "Tantum Ergo" and "Laudate," which was followed by the closing organ march.

Members of the graduating class wore gray caps and gowns and carried bouquets of carnations.

Lumbermen Meet At Baker May 28

Lumbermen of eastern Oregon and Idaho were in regular monthly session at Baker Saturday with the Stoddard Lumber company of Baker as host. The meeting at which Joe Stoddard presided was held at the Geiser Grand hotel. Leon Stoddard led the discussion for the day, the topic of which was "How to Prevent Claims for Shortage." Enterprise will be the place of the next meeting with the Eastern Oregon Lumber company as host.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

(Ten Innings)	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	7	14	1
Pittsburg	4	14	0

Batteries: Kaufman and Hartnett; Bush, Nichols and Smith, Gooch.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York	9	14	1
Philadelphia	3	8	0

Batteries: Pipgras, Shawkey, Gazella and Dickey; Grove and Cochrane.

BELGIANS LIKE LINDY

BRUSSELS (AP)—One of the reasons why the Belgians like Lindy: Boulicz, operatic baritone, sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the city hall while the aviator stood at attention. Then Lindy said he had heard the music of the Belgian national anthem several times and wished to hear the words. Boulicz obliged.

Three Jims, Chums of '61, Renew Their Bond at Annual Reunion

AURORA, Ill., May 30 (AP)—When some of Illinois were called to the Civil War, up from LaSalle county came the Three Jims to join the ranks of the Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteers.

Boon companions were these modern musketeers—Jim Harral, 21; Jim Moss, 18, and Jim Hatch, 16, youngest and tallest in his regiment.

Through four years they starved and fought together, in the outfit which lost more men than any other wearing the blue.

Now they set aside one day each year on which the old battles are retaught, the old songs resung, the old comradeship pledged again.

In 22 Battles

Through 22 battles, including Vicksburg, Chickamauga and Kenesaw Mountains, the Three Jims were side-by-side except when separated by hospital or prison walls.

Each Jim was wounded. One lost a leg. Another spent months in a hospital. The third "beat Sherman to the sea," a prisoner of war.

Harral was wounded first, at Perryville, but resumed his regiment and the three chums shared picket duty together at Stones River. The next day all three fell in action.

Harral recovered slowly, and was mustered out in 1864. Moss went back to the ranks and lost a leg at Mission Ridge. Hatch was carried off at Kenesaw Mountain, and was taken to Andersonville prison.

Further Apart Now

To many, the Three Jims are farther apart than they were in war. Moss, who has wooden leg behind a plow, found the work too arduous, made another limb with his own hands and works it today at Scranton, Iowa, where at 84 he is prosperous farmer. Harral, now 88, is director of an Aurora bank. Hatch became a Methodist preacher, and lives at Piano, Ill., he is 82.

Skaggs Gives $20 To Mississippi Fund

Another donation toward the Mississippi valley flood relief fund has been received by Mrs. Rena Palmer, chairman of the Red Cross chapter here. The donation was $20, given by Skaggs Safeway stores.

MEMORIAL DAY—A DAY OF MEMORIES

Students Given Attendance Mark Of 100 Per Cent

E. A. Sayre, county school superintendent, has received additional reports of students in county schools who have maintained records of perfect attendance during the past year.

Junior students who achieved this are: Iva June Allen, Donna Watson, Alice Wesselman, Dorothy Crouser, Harold Wise, Clayton Fox, Wayland Riley, Catherine McKinnis, Gladys Billings. From the Shanghai school: Richard Miller was the only student obtaining the record. River View: Raymond Richards, Lorene Carnes and Maurice Clyde. Wolf Creek school: Gwen Nice, Ray Titus, Floyd Hastings. Union school: Helen Davis. Mt. Carmel school: Georgia McCullough, Marjorie McCullough. Hardesdale school: Donald Gray, Willis Cook and Alice Miller. Park School: Hershel McGraw. Willowdale school: Ethel Wilkinson. Cove: Maxine Towle.

CHURCH ATTACKS OBSCENE BOOKS

Presbyterians Point Out "Growing Menace of Immoral Publications"

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30 (AP)—"Obscene Literature" is listed for a special attack in the annual report of the Presbyterian board of Christian education to be presented today to the Presbyterian general assembly. Dr. J. W. Claudy, of Pittsburg, is acting director of the department of moral welfare which prepared the report.

"The growing menace of immoral publications," says Dr. Claudy, "is hard to estimate. The influence they have upon the moral life and intellectual development of the rising generation will be determined only by the unknown future. One of the saddest commentaries on the postwar period was the lowering of the safeguards against this polluting stream of filth under the guise of literature. There is on file in this department a list of over 100 such magazines. Their circulation cannot be determined. They are given over to the study of the nude, erotic dances, erotic pictures, refined obscenity, sex confessions, sex stuff. What purpose they serve except to stimulate a morbid and lecitious curiosity is not clear. They cannot be any more seductive source of sex lure, course, lewd, and nasty suggestiveness, than is found in these magazines.

"Not Art"

"Art is uplifting. Look into the pages of these periodicals which use the word 'art' in their titles, and you will find that art means lewdness, and that alone. This is a source of pollution, vile, filthy and degrading, which unless stopped means the perversion and depravity of youth.

"What is the motive behind this mushroom growth of magazines? The motive is plain. It is filth turned to filthy lucre. Why, if they are art, literature, and refined, should they be barred from the United States mails.

Sound at Heart

"America is sound at heart. There is no question that she regards the purity and safety of her youth as of more importance than material prosperity. To arouse the nation to this which is not an imaginary menace but vital and real is a task and responsibility of department.

"Every effort made by the church, the home, and the school to keep childhood sweet, pure, and wholesome can be discounted in a brief moment of time by the filthy on-slaught upon that challenge them at news stands.

"Not only is it a Christian res-

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Flowers Placed On Graves of 4 American Flyers

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 30. (AP)—A mass of wilted flowers, draped with four American flags and fastened to a broken propeller marks the spot where four army aviators lost their lives yesterday in the crash of a giant bombing plane.

Several hundred persons gathered to watch the departure of 14 planes en route from maneuvers at San Antonio, Texas to Langley Field, paused in surprise when one of four that took off together, careened suddenly at a height of 50a feet, banked sharply and dipped. Two hundred feet above ground it went into a nose dive, tore through electric wires and crashed in flames.

Before a man could get through the flames the plane's four occupants were burned beyond recognition. The dead, identified by their service ties were:

Lieut. Dan F. Voorhees, Ontario, Ill., pilot.

Serg. Clifford Glenn, Akron, O.

Serg. James Reid, Pittsburg.

Corporal Melvin Andrews, whose record gives a sister, Mrs. Bruce Pace, of Raleigh, N. C. as next of kin.

A supposition is that a motor of the destroyed plane went dead and that Lieutenant Voorhees tried to reverse his path and make a landing.

Herrick Deplores Active Bolshevism

PARIS, May 30 (AP)—American Ambassador Myron T. Herrick speaking at the American military cemetery at Suresnes today declared that the ruling powers of soviet Russia were engaged in wild propaganda activities throughout the world and that the United States would not tolerate the spread of bolshevism to its shores.

Declaring that modern scientific methods were being applied to the sources of war, the ambassador said that these modern scientific methods are now "somewhat belatedly, being actively applied to the scourge of bolshevism."

"I believe," he continued, "that the people in every country have got to choose between order and anarchy, between honesty and thievery, between every day virtue and crime. Either we believe in orderly society, or we don't; if we do we ought to use all the power within us to defend and advance it. The impudent, mischievous interference of bold, organized propaganda throughout the world has gone steadily on and, in common with others, I have been forced by these events to view with increasing apprehension this sinister movement."

MR. COOLIDGE PAYS TRIBUTE TO WAR DEAD

President Gives Memorial Day Address at National Cemetery

LAW OBSERVANCE MOST IMPORTANT

Chief Executive Sees Unity in America and Influence Abroad as the Logical Result.

WASHINGTON, May 30. (AP)—Law observance was declared necessary by President Coolidge today for the maintenance of American institutions and for the continuance of its influence in world affairs. Results of the past are predicated, he said, upon a law abiding people.

Honoring the war dead as has been his custom in a Memorial day address at Arlington National cemetery, the president warned that "we are always confronted with the inescapable conclusion that unless we observe the law we cannot be free."

"We have made our place in the world through the union and the constitution. We have flourished as a people because of our success in establishing self-government.

Lauds Industry

"Unless we are an industrious, orderly nation we can neither minister to our own requirements or be an effective influence for good in the world."

Recalling secession movements in the north as well as those of the south which were culminated in the civil war, Mr. Coolidge took cognizance of "its heirs and successors in all the different brands of sectionalism with their special pleaders who are oftentimes extremely vocal." He condemned efforts seeking to advance one section at the expense of another as a "species of disloyalty to the spirit of the union."

Tribute to Dead Heroes

On behalf of the nation the executive bestowed "affectionate garlands of honor and acclaim" for those who gave their lives in its support but he called also for respect for its living protectors. Giving assurance of general prospects of peace throughout the world, he declared that an adequate defense always would be maintained "with our forces dedicated solely to the preservation of peace."

In world affairs the president asked for the substitution of reason and law in the place of force and compulsion, and added:

"It is because of our belief in these principles that we wish to see all the world relieved from strife and conflict and brought under the humanizing influence of a reign of law. Our conduct will be dictated, not in accordance with the will of the strongest, but in accordance with the judgments of righteousness.

A High Policy

"It is in accordance with this policy that we have sought to discontinue the old practice of competition in armaments and cast our influence on the side of reasonable limitations. We wish to discard the element of force and compulsion in international agreements and conduct and rely on reason and law. We recognize that in the present state of world this is not a vision which will be immediately realized, yet little by little, step by step, in every practical way we should show our determination to press on toward this mark of our high calling.

"Our government has recently been attempting to proceed in accordance with the principles in its relations with China, Nicaragua and Mexico and in inviting Japan and Great Britain to participate in a three-power naval limitation conference.

America First

"While the foreign relations of this country are becoming more and more important and constitute a field to which it will be necessary for our government and our people to give much more attention

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FOLLOWERS OF FASCISTA ARE KILLED IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 30 (AP)—Two blackshirted followers of the fascists on their way to march in a Memorial day parade, were killed today by unknown assailants at 116th street and Third avenue. The victims, Joseph Carisi, a tailor, and Nicholas Amerosa, a painter, were stabbed and shot.

Four assailants, witnesses told the police, ripped the shirts, signifying their allegiance to the Italian nationalist party.

Carisi's body, bleeding from 15 stab wounds, was found a few feet from the "L" station, where both of the men apparently had intended to enter.

Amerosa was shot down as he tried to be alleged to get away from the two killers. A bullet pierced his heart.