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JUNE 9 WILL BE LA GRANDE DAY AT SHOW

Expect Business Houses Here Will Close for Annual Event

DELEGATION AT CHAMBER LUNCH

Quartet Presents Program of Songs—Club Receives Harmony Offerings Enthusiastically

Apparent assurance that La Grande will close down on the afternoon of Thursday, June 9 and attend the Union Livestock show en masse was given today to a delegation from Union at the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

Although the request, presented by C. L. Cadwell, spokesman of the delegation, will have to be formally presented to the merchants' committee for action, President H. E. Coolidge, remembering the support Union gave La Grande during the normal school campaign and considering the emergency condition created as a result of the failure of Governor I. L. Patterson to sign an appropriation bill for premium money for the show, indicated verbally that the request would probably be granted.

Mr. Cadwell declared that "La Grande can put this show over if it will come over on La Grande day" and added that the request is being made so that the show, which has been given nineteen times without a break, can continue—regardless of appropriations.

The male program was in charge of the chamber of commerce quartet, which has won fame in Oregon, Washington and Idaho for its harmony. In introducing the four, G. L. Dutton, Sherwood Williams, Elmer Stoddard and G. S. Birnie, President Coolidge paid the quartet a high tribute. After the program a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Birnie, who has assisted the quartet on numerous occasions and who was piano accompanist today.

The start number on the program was "Allah's Holiday" and was followed by "Fatima." Mr. Stoddard then explained the "barber shop chord" which was illustrated by the quartet.

Mr. Stoddard also presented a reading and Mr. Birnie sang "Rolling Down to Rio" and responded to generous applause with an encore number.

The quartet returned on to the program with "Valencia" which was greeted with heavy applause and followed with "Mary Lou."

Last but not least, "Winken Blinken and Nod," was offered. The old verses, put to music, brought the harmony values of the quartet out in excellent fashion and in many ways, this number was the climax of a noteworthy program.

Before adjournment C. H. Emahiser, of Lewiston but formerly of La Grande, spoke briefly of the Homestead-Lewiston railroad extension scheme and wound up his talk with a joke that literally "brought down the house."

NEW SERVEWEL STORE OPENED AT WALLOWA

J. G. Snodgrass, district manager for the Servewel grocery stores, announced this morning that another store was opened last Saturday at Wallowa. The store is a combination of the McClaran and Marvin grocery store of Wallowa and will be managed by Mr. Marvin. "We had a fine opening and expect to do a good business at the Wallowa store, which will be store 98 of the Servewel chain," said Mr. Snodgrass today.

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 in a four inch display space the aggressive business man can keep profitable contact with over 3000 families in the La Grande territory. In no other way can he cover this territory so effectively at so small a cost.

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A Merchandising Service"

Oratorio To Be Presented Here Tomorrow Night

"The Creation" Will Have 75 Voices and Will Be Accompanied by a 25-Piece Orchestra.

"The Creation," by Haydn, the first oratorio ever to be given in La Grande in its entirety, will be presented tomorrow night, June 1, in the L. D. S. tabernacle here by a chorus of 75 voices and a 25-piece orchestra from Pendleton. The program is being sponsored by the recreation hall finance committee of the Latter Day Saints church here, of which Mrs. E. Rosenbaum is chairman. The proceeds will go toward the fund for the building of a new hall here.

The people taking part in "The Creation" have been working for months under the direction of Gordon Briscoe, who is director of the Episcopal church choir of Pendleton, perfecting the program which was presented for the first time at Pendleton about two weeks ago and comes to La Grande a finished product.

Sacred Music

The program is sacred and is all in music. The largest aggregation of musicians ever appearing in a thing of this kind in La Grande will take part in the oratorio.

There are nine soloists, all cultured singers, whose work is spoken of as being highly commendable. In addition to the excellent cast of characters and chorus, the oratorio itself is said to be one of the very finest, besides being difficult.

Tickets are now on sale and may be had from members of the committee. There will be no reserved seats. The program will start at 8 o'clock.

GOLF COURSE IS PRAISED LOCALLY

La Grande Devotees of Ancient Scotch Game Try Out New Links

Members of the Blue Mountain country club who initiated the course over the week end are highly enthusiastic in their praise of the new grounds. Some 50 men and women golfers tried out the course on both Sunday and Monday and all report that they are more than delighted with the outcome.

While only two permanent greens are in use now it is anticipated that several more can be used by the first of July. Local golfers had not expected to use the course until July and the fact that it can now be played on proves that progress has been speedy, "considering the fact that we have had such poor weather we are more than satisfied with the way in which the grass is coming," said Charles Reynolds today. "While there are some bare patches, we are confident that grass in these places will spread within the next year or so we will have a solid grass turf on the course."

Legionnaires To Meet Wednesday

The regular meeting of the La Grande American Legion post No. 43 will be held tomorrow evening, June 1, at the K. P. hall. Plans for the state American Legion convention to be held here July 21, 22 and 23 will take up most of the meeting. All legionnaires are asked to be there.

The legion auxiliary will also meet at the K. P. hall at the same time, to make plans for the coming convention.

Sentence Motion Picture Juvenile

LOS ANGELES, May 31 (AP)—Paul Kelley, motion picture juvenile convicted last week of manslaughter, as a result of his fatal fist fight with Ray Raymond, musical comedy song and dance man, was sentenced today to a term of from 1 to 10 years in state prison. Oral notice of appeal was filed and Kelley was returned to jail without bond.

Auto Inventor Is Dead in Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 31 (AP)—Harry E. Kreuger, 60, pioneer auto man who was credited with having originated the idea of putting steering gears on the left side of autos, died here yesterday.

EXAMINE HUTCHEK

SALEM, Ore., May 31 (AP)—John Hutchek, Portland safe slayer, who is under sentence to be hanged June 17, is being examined for sanity today by alienists of the state hospital for the insane. This was asked by Hutchek's attorney, who has petitioned Governor Patterson to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

DECK GRAVES OF SOLDIERS WITH FLOWERS

La Grande People Pay Fitting Tribute to Heroes of Past Wars

MEMBERS OF G. A. R. AID IN SERVICES

Many from Grande Ronde Valley Present at Annual Program at Summerville Cemetery.

Out of the nine remaining members of the La Grande post of the Grand Army of the Republic five were able to attend the Memorial day services yesterday morning, which were held at the little plot at the Masonic cemetery, where brother comrades who have passed to the great beyond rest.

Of the five attending members three took part in the program. Commander A. J. Martin conducted the services and J. W. Oliver, adjutant and chaplain, gave the Memorial day address. Peter Kinney gave the closing prayer. G. W. Allen was able to go to the cemetery but was unable to leave his car. The other member attending was from Joseph, the G. A. R. post of that city having joined the local post.

Large Crowd

A large crowd followed the parade to the cemetery and gathered around the little plot, where the Memorial services are held each year, to pay tribute not only to the grand army veterans but to the heroes of other wars as well.

Comrade Oliver in his address asked that the people of La Grande continue to hold the Memorial day services at the G. A. R. cemetery plot after the few remaining members of the post, whose heads are now gray and their health failing, have joined their comrades who died during or since the rebellion. He expressed his thanks to everyone present for attending the services, which to the members of the G. A. R. is alone a tribute to their resting comrades.

The members of Oliver P. Morton Relief Corps, No. 37, conducted ritualistic work in honor of the veterans.

Salute Over Graves

The salute was fired by a firing squad from Company E, of the Oregon national guard and taps was given by Andros Lousy Jr.

The parade, which led the cemetery was made up of the La Grande municipal band, the national guard company, members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Grand Army of the Republic, Spanish American war veterans, World war veterans, and the boys club of the

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Hannefield Wins U. P. Trapshoot Tourney Here

With a score of 25 straight Lynn Hannefield was acclaimed winner of the Union Pacific athletic club trap shoot held yesterday at the club grounds north of the hospital. Outside shooters who were expected from Rieth and other points failed to show up but the meet was made interesting by the competition among the local entries.

Honors for second place were divided among Engineer J. B. Smith, W. R. Sailor, Bill Rollins and Engineer W. H. Hooderham, of Pleasant Valley, all of whom tied at 23.

At a recent meeting of the athletic club it was decided that an elimination meet would be held in July to decide who should represent the O.-W. R. & N. unit at Provo, Utah, in the system athletic meet late in the summer.

3 STATES IN SOUTH SWEPT BY ELEMENTS

Storms in Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky Leave Trail of Dead

BREAKS IN WAKE OF HEAVY RAINS

Mountain Streams, Swollen by Downpour, Wash Away Homesteads—Hail Damages Crops.

BRISTOL, Va.-Tenn., May 31. (AP)—At least 16 persons were killed during Sunday night and Monday as rain, wind, hail and electrical storms swept sections of three states—Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. More than 20 persons were reported missing. Early estimates of property damage placed the total at $1,000,000.

Mountain streams, swollen to flood stage by heavy rains washed away homesteads while in some sections hail added to the damage done to standing crops.

Kentucky, with ten deaths and more than 20 persons reported missing in the vicinity of Prestonburgh and Garrett, was the heaviest hit. Virginia and Tennessee each reported three killed.

List of Dead

The dead: Kentucky—At Royalton three drowned: Mrs. Agnes Bailey, 80, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. T. B. Bailey, 40, and grandson, Willard, 11; at Roxana, six drowned: Mrs. Chester Fields, Mrs. Green Callahan and her two children and two unidentified persons; at Ellscole, one drowned, unidentified.

Virginia: At Gate City, three drowned, a Mrs. Whitmore, her son Tobe, and small granddaughter, Virginia.

Tennessee: Near Elizabethtown, two drowned: Mrs. Ruby Robinson and child; at Johnson City, one man electrocuted by a submerged live wire.

Follows Heavy Rains

The storm broke in the wake of a season of rains which already had left rivers and streams in a swollen condition. Few details were available but as reports trickled in from stricken sections over crippled communication lines today it was feared additional deaths and word of even greater property damage would be learned.

Available reports told of landslides that block highways and railway lines and said more than 50 houses in widely scattered areas were either demolished or badly damaged by flood waters.

Babe Drives Out Sixteenth Homer

PHILADELPHIA, May 31. (AP)—Babe Ruth drove out his sixteenth home run of the season in the fifth inning of the second game of a twin bill between the Yankees and the Athletics here today. The blow was off Pitcher Shinks, and one was on base. Ruth clouted for the circuit in the first game and now has hit five in the past four days.

Accuse Fireman Of Burning Buildings

THE DALLES, Ore., May 31. (AP)—Charges of attempting to burn two buildings were being prepared today by District Attorney Galloway against Elmo Young, volunteer fireman. Galloway said Young had confessed to him that he had set the fires. Young had no motive except to see the fires, he said. One of the fires did damage of about $1500.

Young was described as one of the hardest working members of the fire department and often took risks in entering burning buildings to fight fire and rescue property.

Prune Growers of Ten Counties In Oregon and Washington Gather

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Community leaders of the prune industry of nine Oregon counties and Clark county, Washington, were here today for the opening of a two-day prune convention called by the extension service of Oregon Agricultural college in an attempt to formulate a marketing plan and otherwise meet serious problems of the prune industry.

More than 140 grower delegates and a score of representatives of packers and other interested groups will be here when the registration is complete.

Paul V. Maris, director of extension at O. A. C., opened the meeting with a keynote address advocating decisive action, while the representative body is at hand, aided by an exhaustive study of the situation just completed by the federal government.

Asks For Plan

Taking sides neither with advocates of exclusive growers cooperation or adherents of the "Parker plan," Director Maris pointed out that cooperatives and private packers would be operating in the state side by side quite indefinitely and asked that a plan be devised that would permit present independent growers to market crops with either group, while directors of cooperatives and packers agree on a program to eliminate disastrous price cutting.

The "Parker plan," unmodified, he said, was in its intent more a cost-plus arrangement that also provides for a bonding process among packers that would, at though, eliminate ambition to excel, expand and develop.

Group meetings beginning this afternoon, took up prepared programs on production, sales, advertising, warehousing, finance, grades and store as well as strictly organization problems.

LONG-DISTANCE FLYERS

Upper—Two British flyers, Lieutenants L. M. Gilman (left) and C. H. Carr, who plunged into the Persian gulf after a 3400-mile jaunt from England. Their objective was India. Both were rescued. Lower—Paul Tarasson plans to duplicate Lindbergh's feat and will hop off in August from Paris.

RADIO WEB WILL AID FLOOD FIGHT

Mississippi Crest Nearing Gulf—Dry Land Shows in North Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 31 (AP)—With a radio web spread out to aid in meeting an 11th hour emergency citizens of the lower valley today prepared for their last bitter struggle with the Mississippi as the greatest flood of its history surged southward over the final lap of its devastating course finally to lose itself in the Gulf of Mexico.

Under the direction of Lieut. C. N. Iry, in charge of the coast guard relief fleet at Morgan City, several vessels equipped with radio have been despatched to cruise through the bayous of the Atchafalaya basin as far up as Donaldson, which is at the head of the bayou La Fourche on the Mississippi. These boats will report any emergency to the mother ship at Morgan City by radio and boats will be rushed to the scene from the nearest base.

Remove Refugees

Refugees were being moved today from the lowlands around Morgan City as the flood waters climbed higher.

Several hundred persons were removed from Avoca Island near Morgan City yesterday when the water started flowing over a 20 mile levee which protects it.

Dry Land Appears

In the northern parishes of the section dry land was beginning to appear and planting was being started almost before the waters ran off. Relief headquarters at New Orleans were covered with a pall of gloom today over the death of Earl Kilpatrick, assistant disaster relief director, killed yesterday in plane crash near Donald-

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KILPATRICK TO BE BURIED IN OREGON FRIDAY

BATON ROUGE, La., May 31 (AP)—Earl Kilpatrick, assistant director of Mississippi valley flood relief work, who was killed in an airplane accident yesterday was assistant manager of the St. Louis branch office of the American Red Cross.

He was 45 years old and is survived by a widow and three children. He took up his duties as assistant relief director when flood conditions became severe recently.

He was engaged in relief work in the Pueblo, Colo., flood in 1923.

Lieutenant Joseph Gregory from the Pensacola naval station who was piloting the airplane, escaped uninjured.

The funeral will be held late Friday at Portland, Ore.

Thirteen Receive Veterans' Jewels

ENTERPRISE, May 31 (Special)—Thirteen members of the I. O. O. F. lodge No. 152 and five members of the Rebekah lodge received veteran's jewels at an open meeting of the two lodges Saturday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall here.

Those who have a 25-year record of unbroken membership, who were awarded jewels were: Rebekahs, Mrs. Eva Willycroft, Mrs. Louise Baker, Mrs. Sarah Cramer, Mrs. Bertha Crogin, Mrs. Effie Cox, all of Enterprise; Odd Fellows, L. Berland, H. C. Cramer, James Day, Sam Litch, D. E. Baker, of Enterprise; J. S. Cook, of Joseph, Ore., T. F. Hick of Portland, Ore., F. L. Wright, Alberland, Ore., H. H. Dougherty, Lewiston, Idaho, Elijah Denton, Joseph, W. C. Plenger, Enterprise, J. H. Rudolph, Joseph, and F. N. Cole, Enterprise, Ore.

Naval Balloon Lands 300 Miles From Akron, O.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 31. (AP)—Navy balloon No. 3, the second to take off from Akron, Ohio yesterday in the Gordon-Bennett preliminaries, landed today near Mottville, 300 miles from the starting point.

KINGSTON, Ont., May 31. (AP)—The balloon entry of the St. Louis rotary club, one of 13 balloons which started from Akron, Ohio, passed over this city today.

BATAVIA, N. Y., May 31. (AP)—The balloon Scripps-Howard, entered in the national elimination contest by the Cleveland Press, was sighted passing over Alexander, four miles southwest of here, early today.

Four Cities Bidding For 1928 Assembly

AUDITORIUM, SAN FRANCISCO, May 31. (AP)—Tulsa, Okla., Memphis, Tenn., and Springfield, Ill., are the three cities expected to bid for votes tomorrow when the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. selects its 1928 meeting place.

Campaigns opened today. Tulsa flooded the auditorium with literature describing her attractions. Commissioners from that city made louder talks in lobby groups.

Liquor Evidence Decision Is Made

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Liquor seized by the coast guard from rum runners outside the 12-mile limit can be introduced as evidence in the trials of the rum runners, the supreme court decided today.

HE MISUNDERSTOOD IT

LONDON, (AP)—As Norman Leslie Derham, British star, has understood it, there is to be a swim on Labor day from Youngstown, Ohio, to Toronto. He announced cancellation of his plans to compete when he found that reckoning step from land and Niagara Falls would have been necessary for the route he thought would be taken. The swim will start at Youngstown, N. Y.

Guardsmen Down Attempt To Mob Florida Prison

Eleven Persons Injured as Crowd Tries to Get at Slayer of Herman Merrill and Family.

TAMPA, Fla., May 31 (AP)—A six-hour battle between police and infuriated civilians that counted 11 persons wounded ended this morning when a company of one hundred national guardsmen took up a position behind machine guns and tear gas bombs, in the Hillsborough jail here.

Throughout the night a mob of 2000 persons had stormed the jail in an attempt to get B. F. Levins, confessed murderer. Despite assurances of Sheriff Hiers that the prisoner had been removed to another jail, the mob persisted in their attempts to break into the jail and were not deterred even when the sheriff ordered his deputies to open fire on the crowd. Nine men and two women are known to have been wounded. Reports that others also had been shot had not been confirmed this morning.

Ammonia is Used

Streams of ammonia, played by a chemical squad of the local fire department were resorted to by the officers but the mob refused to disperse. Some took up a position in a negro church across the street from the jail and from that point of vantage returned the fire of the deputies. Others secured heavy timbers to use as battering rams against the walls of the building.

In one attack, 50 men succeeded in breaking an opening in one of the walls. Two of the attackers fell through the hole and were immediately arrested and placed in cells.

With daylight came the guardsmen. Piling out of the motor trucks and autos, they marched in formation to the jail. There was a temporary lull before the battle broke out again. Sharp-shooters, for a time, resumed their firing on the jail.

But the appearance of the soldiers and announcement that two more companies were on the way to the scene from Lakeland and Bartow, under orders from Governor John W. Martin, apparently served to cool the anger of the mob. Reluctant to disperse, even then, they became quiet and although many continued to mill about the jail, no further immediate disorders were anticipated.

Levins was arrested last Friday and is alleged to have confessed he killed Herman Merrill, his wife and three children by crushing their heads with a heavy railroad tool. A fourth child also was badly injured. It was reported Levins said he killed the Merrills thinking they were another family against whom he held a grudge.

LINDY VISITS KING GEORGE; IS DECORATED

LONDON, May 31 (AP) — A young man with keen eyes and a winning smile called at Buckingham palace today and told King George how it feels to fly over the Atlantic, all alone, from New York to Paris.

The king received his visitor, Captain Lindbergh, cordially and before many minutes had passed, decorated him with the air force cross, to add to the French legion of honor and the Belgian insignia of knight of the order of Leopold which he already wears.

The honor conferred by the British sovereign seemed to stump the hero. He flushed and for a second hesitated as to what he should say next, but another handshake from the king soon put him at his ease.

PARIS May 31 (AP)—Captain Charles Lindbergh will fly to Paris in a British plane on Thursday, will be a guest of Ambassador Herrick until Saturday and will then sail for home aboard the U. S. destroyer Brook from Havre, it was learned today.

Hydraulic Drive To Be Tried Out

KELLOGG, Ida., May 31. (AP)—Trial of an automobile transmission which substitutes an oil propelled hydraulic drive for all gears, brake, clutch, drive shaft, rotating axles and all housings and levers, is to be held here July 1, it has been announced.

The drive has been constructed in the shops of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining and Smelting company here. Motor experts who have inspected the machine say it is the realization of the efforts of engineers for many years to apply the hydraulic drive principle to automobiles.

Coolidge Selects Black Hills, S. D.

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Official announcement of President Coolidge's intention to spend the summer in the Black Hills of South Dakota finally was made today at the white house.

NORTH CHINA IS PIERCED BY NATIONALISTS

Honan and Anhwei Provinces and Lung-Hai Railway Captured

JAPANESE, BRITISH TAKE PRECAUTIONS

Will Guard Against Anti-Foreign Outrages on the Part of Invading Southerners.

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Anticipating a possible increase in disturbances in Northern China, President Coolidge has approved a state department plan for transferring the Peking legation of the United States to some point nearer the coast.

The plan for the transfer will not be carried out however unless conditions develop a more serious aspect. Dispatches from China recently have indicated victories by the southern nationalist troops and these reports were climaxed today by news of a wholesale retreat on the part of the northern troops.

PEKING, May 31 (AP)—The Northern authorities made official announcement today on the wholesale withdrawal of the northern forces from the front owing to reverses in Honan.

The withdrawal means surrender to the southerners, (Nationalists) of all of Honan province, south of the Yellow river, all of Anhwei province and the entire Lung-Hai railway.

Announcement of the withdrawal of the Northern Chinese forces from Honan province bears out press dispatches of the last few days reporting victories for the nationalists against the Northern alliance.

Japan, England Prepared

Japan and Great Britian have already taken precautions to guard their nationals in the cities of Northern China against any recurrence there of the anti-foreign outrages perpetrated by the nationalist troops upon their entry into Nanking late in March.

Japan is sending two thousand troops from Manchuria to Peking and Tientsing while the British military authorities in Shanghai yesterday decided to dspatch a battalion to the north, to be stationed probably at Tientsing key point on the railway from Peking to the coast.

Briagadier General Smedley D. Butler, commanding the United States marines in China, recently made a trip to Peking to inspect the American forces, while the American minister, John Van A. MacMurray, went to Shanghai to confer with the authorities there regarding to general situation.

CONDITION SERIOUS

TOKYO, May 31 (AP)—The instructions issued to Japanese minister Yoshizawa at Peking to remain at his post instead of making a scheduled trip to Japan are felt here to reflect the seriousness of the situation in China. Nichi Nichi predicts the possibility of an anglo-Russian war in China and suggests that in such an event Jap-

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WHEAT PRICES FLUCTUATE IN CHICAGO MART

CHICAGO, May 31 (AP)—Prices for May wheat swung wildly over a range of more than 10 cents a bushel on the board of trade today and finished at almost the bottom figures. This was the last day for adjustment of May wheat contracts and owing to belated liquidation by some holders, the finish was at a net loss of 6¾ to 7¼ cents a bushel for the day.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	3	9	1
Boston	2	6	3

Batteries: Petty and Henline; R. Smith and Hogan.

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	4	9	3
New York	12	19	4

Batteries: Scott, Isaac, Carlson, Willoughby and Wilson, Jonnard, Henry and O'Neil, Smith.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York	10	13	0
Philadelphia	3	11	0

Batteries: Hoyt and Collins; Quinn, Yerkes and Cochrane.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	0	4	1
Detroit	1	6	0

Batteries: Buckeye and Jo Sewell, Collins and Woodall.