

CELEBRANTS DESERT CITY OVER FOURTH

La Grande Quiet Yesterday, Population Divided in Three Counties

MORE THAN 1000 AT COVE EVENT

Streams, Picnic Grounds as Mighty a Lure, However, as Patriotic Celebrations.

La Grande was quiet yesterday, many of the residents being away for the week-end or attending Fourth of July celebrations in the surrounding towns.

More than 1000 went to Cove for the celebration there under the auspices of the Episcopal church. A picnic lunch at noon started the celebration, and in the afternoon 20 racing events attracted the attention from 2 o'clock until about 3:30.

A fish pond attracted considerable attention, especially among the children. Dancing was enjoyed from 4 o'clock until 5, Paul Crover's orchestra furnishing the music.

Wallowa County Popular Many people drove to Enterprise and Wallowa lake, but rain both Sunday and Monday ruined the day for many, although those who attended the dance at the lake reported a good time.

A large crowd attended the Elgin three-day celebration, which started Saturday and ended last night. Horse races, boxing contests, etc., made up the program in the afternoon, with dancing and other entertainment in the evening.

Seven Arrests It is reported that seven were arrested by prohibition officers, charged with illegal possession of moonshine during the celebration there.

Many attended the celebration at Baker sponsored by the American Legion post. A fireworks display and three dances in the evening were features of the day there.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN GRANGE PLANS EVENING MEET

The regular meeting of the Blue Mountain Grange will be held Wednesday evening, July 6, at 8 o'clock. This will be the first evening meeting of the summer.

Mrs. Caryl Spencer, lecturer, is arranging the program, which will include a surprise feature under the direction of Mrs. Kate Redmond. Among the topics to be discussed is a farm debenture plan being discussed by the national grange as a farm relief measure.

The Blue Mountain Grange is to entertain the county conference in October and will drill a team to demonstrate the fourth degree on that day.

EAGER, CONSTANT INTEREST

The constant, day-in and day-out eagerness with which a newspaper is awaited and read, the wide variety of appeal to people in all sections of the community, in all occupations over the valley, in town and country—the regarding of the paper as a necessary contact with friends and neighbors, with the community and territory at large—these things constitute what is known as reader-interest.

Without reader-interest a newspaper or any printed medium cannot have large advertising value. With it, the possibilities of careful and successful customer cultivation are unlimited. The reader-interest and reader-confidence of "The Observer" is known by advertisers seeking to cover the La Grande territory—evidenced by the constant use of space by practically every successful business house.

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Union Services Will Begin Here On Next Sunday

Congregations to Be Divided into Two Groups—Patriotic Addresses Delivered Sunday.

The first Sunday evening union church services, which will be held in La Grande during July and August, will take place next Sunday evening, July 10. There will be two services—the people of the north side will gather at the Methodist Episcopal church south, where the Rev. Leif H. Aves will speak, and the people of the south side will gather at the First Presbyterian church, with the Rev. Oliver R. Tully as speaker.

The programs will begin at 8 o'clock. The union services will continue the remainder of the month and all of next. Present plans are that the services be held at Riverside park during August.

Patriotic Talks Patriotic talks featured Sunday's church services. "Our Independence" was the subject of the morning sermon given by the Rev. J. George Wale, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in which he urged every individual to have an aim and work toward it. He told of George Washington's aim and how he worked for it until it was accomplished. "He had one thing to do, and that one thing he did well. His efforts were for the world's good. He attained the supreme reward of life, friendship with God."

At the English Lutheran church, Wayne W. Smith visited the Sunday school in the morning and spoke on the significance of Independence day. A patriotic sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Leif H. Aves, at 11 o'clock was a modern application of the Ten Commandments.

Scott Speaks E. Russell Scott, scout executive of the Eastern Oregon Tri-County council, was the speaker at the First Methodist Episcopal church, using the scripture "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of the Saviour," as the basis of his talk, telling how America was discovered in an effort to find a place where people might worship as they wished, and how the people of America finally resolved and broke away from the mother country for the same reason.

Meetings are continuing at the First Baptist church this week, conducted by the Quaker evangelists, and are well attended. The Misses Springer and Batchelor are the speakers and are well qualified for the task, according to those who have heard them.

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The two women evangelists are being assisted by Paul Thorp and Chester Weber, outgoing missionaries to Africa. This evening Mr. Thorp will render several numbers on his musical solo. Both Mr. Thorp and Mr. Weber will leave for college soon. Special music is a feature of all of the services.

Union Quiet Over Independence Day

UNION, Ore., July 5. (Special) —Union was a very quiet place on the nation's birthday anniversary. Many of the business men took advantage of the two days vacation from their work and planned trips to Baker, Wallowa lake, and to other places of interest. Patriotic services were held in the Methodist church Sunday morning, this being about the only public notice that was taken of the Fourth except that practically all places of business were closed on Monday.

Larceny Case On Trial Wednesday

Circuit court will be in session tomorrow, beginning at 9 o'clock, with the case of the state vs. A. W. Snyder on charges of larceny by bailee. Snyder's home is at Elgin. Judge J. W. Knowles will hear the case.

Legion Convention Committee to Meet

The regular weekly American Legion convention committee meeting will be held this evening at Legion hall at 7:30 o'clock. All other legionnaires are invited to be present at the meeting which will consist chiefly of reports and discussions of plans for the convention.

SUSPECTED OF THEFT

LONGVIEW, Wash., July 5. (AP) —A man giving the name of Jack Renfro, printer and pressman, was held by police here today for investigation after an attempt to sell sixty spools of Rayonite machine and three motorizing machines to the Longview Daily News.

Thief of 100 spools from the Oregon Statesman, Salem, Ore., was reported yesterday.

STOCKMEN OF WEST ASSAIL HIGH COSTS

Idaho Man Declares Operating Expenses Almost Fatal to the Industry

GIVES TESTIMONY AT I. C. C. HEARING

Southern Pacific Agrees to Withdraw Schedule of Intrastate Rates It Is Sponsoring.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5. (AP) —Testimony on the financial troubles of stockmen of the west was given today before examiners of the I. C. C. in a hearing on livestock rates.

At the opening of the hearing the Southern Pacific company agreed to withdraw a schedule of intrastate rates which it had been attempting to establish but which has been suspended by the Oregon public service commission.

Dr. W. S. McCure, of Hiba, Ida., said that one way to reduce livestock operating costs and provide lower and uniform transportation rates. He said that the cattle industry in Idaho was practically wiped out because of excessive operating costs.

Bitter Charges Dr. McCure laid particular stress on the necessity of a lower rate on stockers and feeders than on fat stock on the way to market. He characterized the extra charge for sanding cars and cleaning as "dirty larceny." He declared that cars are cleaned out "when the stuff gets so deep that you cannot get the stock in the car." He also stated that charges for feeding in transit were excessive.

The hearing is being conducted under the Hoch-Smith resolution adopted by congress in 1925. Examiners Siler and Parker of the I. C. C. are conducting the hearing and sitting with them are John W. Hulseb, state railroad commissioner of South Dakota; Lee Donnell, commissioner for Montana, and H. Carey, public service commissioner for Oregon, comprising a cooperative committee of state public service commissions. The hearing opened last week at Salt Lake City and will be concluded at Los Angeles.

SECOND OUTDOOR CONCERT FRIDAY

Program Will Include a Clarinet Solo by R. Mattoon, Band Member

The second outdoor concert of the La Grande Grange band will be given at the high school stadium Friday evening, July 8, at 8 p. m. The new band stand erected by the city enables listeners to see and hear the band to better advantage, and a record crowd is expected.

A very pleasing program has been chosen for this concert, it is said, and it will be composed of numbers not heard for a couple of years together with new program numbers and popular tunes for encores. The famous suite by Sousa "Soldiers of the Western World" will be among the featured numbers. Due to urgent requests Rod Mattoon, solo clarinetist of the band, will be again heard in a new clarinet solo, Mr. Mattoon's work has been the subject of much favorable comment by musical people of La Grande and in the solo chosen for this concert, "Romance and Balcony" by Thiers, the public will hear a selection of marked beauty and difficult technique, according to advance information.

The music-loving public is anxious to see the band this year in comparison to any band of the past and Director Loney has succeeded in building together an organization that has gained favorable recognition over the entire Northwest. The full program will be announced later.

Several Killed In Train Wreck

NYACK, N. Y., July 5. (AP) —Remains of several dead and 25 injured in a railroad wreck on the West Shore line at Jones Point brought calls this afternoon for every available ambulance from Nyack, Newburgh, and Suffern, N. Y.

The report was that a New York, Ontario and Western railroad passenger train with about eight cars, moving at full speed southward had crashed into a freight train at Jones Point, south of Bear Mountain.

Walter Pierce Speaks at Noon Rotary Luncheon

Delivers Patriotic Address, Paying Tribute to Group of Men Who Founded Nation.

Members of the La Grande Rotary club, at their regular luncheon today at noon in the Foley grill, listened to a patriotic address by ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, pronounced by members to have been very interesting and appropriate. Mr. Pierce devoted part of his time to deciding upon the character of the men who carried on the successful revolution, pointing out the sterling qualities of the pioneers. He emphasized the fact that the American revolution was conceived and carried on by a comparative small group of brilliant men and that even in the actual fighting, only one in a hundred colonists participated.

The former governor also said that the American Revolution was the first war in the world's history to be fought for the rights of man and that the revolution made possible the civilization that we have today, because it broke down class and caste and founded a country on the ideal of true liberty.

In his introduction he recalled the fact that 25 years ago yesterday he drove from his home near Island City to deliver a Fourth of July address, and it required him two hours to complete the trip. He had just been elected state senator and was starting his state political career. Yesterday he took the same trip by car and returned to his home in the Pleasant Grove school house and not once did he meet or pass a horse-drawn vehicle. Mr. Pierce used this to emphasize the changes that have taken place in our advancing civilization.

The Varsity Vagabonds furnished several numbers during the luncheon.

Byrd, Partners May Start Home Tuesday, July 12

PARIS, July 5. (AP) —Going to La Bourget this morning, French aviators Byrd, Bert Acosta and Harold (Bud) Gatty, took a look at the flying field where they intended to land on their flight from the United States but which they were unable to find in the storm and work of last Thursday night.

All the pursuit planes of the 4th Regiment of French aviation were lined up for their inspection upon their arrival.

After looking over the planes they were conducted to the officers' mess where they partook of the "wine of honor."

Among the many officers present were three generals, Hermon, inpector of aviation; Buet and Poje.

After the brief examination of the planes were over, the three aviators to the 2nd-10th aviation field and joining the military field to inspect the field, that is, to inspect the field of the 2nd-10th aviation field, which was the most difficult of all European airports.

Shortly before 12:30 they left the field in the direction of the field, where the crew of the American were quartered at a luncheon.

From the ministry, the flying went to the office of the commander, L'Entonement, where again there was "wine of honor" to drink and words of praise to hear, this time from Leon Bailly, the publisher.

"We thought that your great countryman, Lindbergh, would have taken the whole enthusiasm of the French people," he said. "But that is not true, as you see the spirit of your flight was the spirit of all of us, a fact which the French people have recognized."

Commissary Byrd and his companions are likely to leave for home on the steamer Leviathan sailing July 12.

COOLIDGE SEES FIRST WESTERN RODEO IN S. D.

HELLER FORTHOPE, S. D., July 5. (AP) —Wearing his "10 gal" hat today President Coolidge came here to look on the first wild west show, the first-state rodeo.

Indians, cowboys, cowgirls and all that goes to make up this annual show were on hand to display their talents when Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge reached the rodeo grounds shortly after noon.

The trip here was made by special train from Hermosa, the president motorizing the 12 miles from the hotel to board the special there at 10:45 a. m. The crowd was on hand at each of the group's coming here, including Hellertown, S. D., and Whiteside.

The crowd returned but when the show started the president and Mrs. Coolidge had been given him by citizens of this city.

JULY FOURTH RESPONSIBLE FOR 12 DEAD

Independence Day, However, Is Comparatively Quiet over Nation

TOLL MUCH LESS THAN YEARS AGO

Injured Total Around 700 Compared with 4,000 in 1903 — Anti-Fireworks Law Helps.

CHICAGO, July 5. (AP) —The sharp decline from old-time independence day death tolls was shown again today when fatalities reported directly from fireworks, gas and similar objects used to celebrate the day hovered around the dozen mark.

More than 700 persons were injured, however, including 214 treated at hospitals in New York, 109 in Washington, 228 at St. Louis, 35 in Chicago, 31 in Milwaukee, 3 in Westfield, Mass., and from 25 to 30 at a celebration in the forest preserve near Chicago. Strict laws governing the use of fireworks and doubtless helped to hold down the casualty toll. In Milwaukee a drive against violators of city ordinances had counted 1200 arrests over the week end.

Those Killed Among those killed by fireworks in Chicago were: Norman Kinman, 3, and Lucille Moore, 7, burned to death when insect canisters ignited fireworks.

Cheney, Wash.—Stephen M. Harris, 51, killed when he placed powder between two axles and set it off with a hot trower.

Cherry Creek, N. Y.—Howard Phillips, 15, killed while tampering with a pistol.

Great Harrington, Mass.—Mary Sweeting burned to death when clothing ignited by exploding fireworks.

Philadelphia—Israel Tessler, 7, killed by pistol shot.

St. Louis, Mo.—Haden Harris, 12, killed when he fired into a building.

Chicago—Joseph Zielna, 16, burned to death.

Glensy, Cal.—Chara Welky, 3, died of burns from exploding firecracker.

Tanaway, Wis.—Arnold Ford, 8, killed when firecracker exploded in gasoline can.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Jack Albert, 23, soldier, killed by cannon shot.

Spectacular Explosion Probably the most spectacular fireworks explosion occurred in the forest preserve near Des Plaines, Ill., last night when the premature explosion of an air bomb set off a huge pile of fireworks, the massed explosions being hurled into a crowd of more than 1000 persons.

Twenty-five or more, many of them children, were injured by the exploding fireworks and by being trampled on in the general rush to get away from the rain of fire. Thirteen were so severely injured that they required treatment by physicians and most of them were removed to hospitals.

In 1903 Fourth of July deaths in the United States numbered 424 and usually 1000 were injured.

Fire Destroys Six East Coast Hotels

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 5. (AP) —Fire today destroyed six hotels, including the President, Roosevelt, Longwood and the Boardwalk, most of which were still under construction. The fire, starting at the Seaboard, Atlantic resort, consumption, consumed the boardwalk from Missouri avenue to Arkansas avenue, Bathing-sun-drenched from the beach where the Jumbos reached an exhibition of the Remington Arms company of Columbia Place and Boardwalk, where 29,000 rounds of ammunition were stored.

Five blocks were razed off about the fire area, but when the building began to burn the fire, but some unnecessary to keep back the huge crowds.

Hit By Racer, Lad Dies of Injuries

GRANTS PASS, July 5. (AP) —Robert Holmes, 11, died at a local hospital last night of injuries sustained when a racing machine on the local auto race on July 2, went off the track and plunged into the bleachers, injuring four spectators and the driver, Gravelle continued, all attempts to save the life of the boy, including amputation of a hand by amputated leg and transfusion of blood, were unsuccessful.

N. E. Ellis, 65, and Grant Glenn, 17, are still in a serious condition, Mr. Ellis with several fractures and the boy with broken bones and concussion of the brain. L. O'Neill had several bones broken and teeth knocked out. The driver suffered a broken leg and several minor injuries.

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This is Richard Grace, darling stunt flyer of Los Angeles, who has been trying to hop off from Honolulu to California.

A few days ago trouble kept him on land and yesterday he got under way but his plane crashed, damaging it so badly the flight may be called off. Grace was injured. "I did my best, and that's all I can say," Grace said brokenly, after the ill-fated attempt.

ENSIGN, 27, TAKES SHIP UNASSISTED

Alexander in Line Since Governor Patterson took office there has been much speculation as to whether a change would be made in the prohibition department, and numerous men have been mentioned as possible successors to Levens. But it now appears that Alexander is to be the appointee.

If Levens is succeeded by another man it is believed many changes will be made in the personnel of the department.

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\$3 Automobile Fee Proposed by Men

SEATTLE, Ore., July 5. (AP) —H. J. Redford and George Elyander, of Portland, have notified Secretary of State Kester that they will attempt the initiation of a ballot measure for the general election of 1928 to reduce automobile license in Oregon to a flat fee of \$3 for all cars. Papers filed by them today were defective and will be returned for correction.

Indian Tribes In Festival; Will Come Here

PENOBSCOT, July 5. (AP) —In the midst of a beautiful Indian village at Penobscot, where the Quapaw, Walla Walla and Cayuse tribes are gathered for their annual summer festival, a women's dance pavilion and an orchestra is being built with the ancient Indian dances for the favor of the young generation.

The dances are being sponsored by Child Welfare No. 63, of the American Legion. The only all-Indian chapter in the country. The entire pavilion will attend the state convention at the legion at La Grande later this month.

Shake-Up Looms In Department Of Prohibition

William S. Levens Faces Patterson's Ax—Geo. Alexander in Line for His Position.

SALEM, Ore., July 5. (Special) —It was considered almost certain here today that Governor Patterson will within the next week or two remove William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner and appoint in his place George Alexander, former sheriff of Washington county. The governor, however, would not confirm this fresh of political intentions, and was non-committal on the subject.

The change apparently will be purely on the basis of the doctrine that political spoils belong to the political party holding the upper hand, for Levens is conceded to have made a success of his department, straightening out many of the difficulties in which the office had become involved prior to his taking office. Levens, a democrat, was appointed prohibition commissioner by former Governor Pierce early in 1925 after the legislature of that year had made a special investigation of the department as conducted by George L. Claver. Levens has steadfastly worked in cooperation with the sheriffs, police departments and other local authorities, which has done much to make him a popular official. His home is at Baker where he was for many years prosecuting attorney.

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Joseph, Watkins In Fistic Battle

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5. (AP) —Portland W. Joseph, state senator and Elton Watkins, ex-congressman, exchanged blows today in the court of arguments before Circuit Judge Stevenson over the affairs of the Veronic Light and Power company.

Both were threatened with arrest by Judge Stevenson, but the fight ended before the judge was compelled to act. Spectators separated the two attorneys.

The fistic combat occurred in Judge Stevenson's private chambers.

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