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NOT ACKNOWLEDGED: I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid; I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin, Psalm 32:5.

"Are you air-minded?" asks a writer on aviation. Well, we're a little light-headed, if that'll do any good.

Neighboring cities did themselves proud in July 4th celebrations. Cove and Pleasant Grove staged old-fashioned community gatherings that are being widely complimented; Elgin put on a fine three-day celebration that is a credit to that community; Enterprise did itself proud, as usual, and astonished visitors with the excellence and beauty of its parade; Baker, elaborately decorated, had a varied program that attracted and pleased a great crowd.

In the seven years since the federal budget has been in operation, the public debt has been reduced at the rate of a billion dollars a year. The budget hasn't done it all, of course. A natural recession from war expenses has had much to do with it. Administrative and congressional effort to hold down expenses has played an important part. But the establishment and maintenance of a budget system, planning expenditures in a businesslike way, trying to adapt income logically to outgo, has been the biggest constructive factor.

A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

Nine years ago yesterday in the July 4th celebration in this country much serious thought was given and many serious words spoken of the significance of America's Independence Day, of the struggle then going on to maintain that independence for ourselves and to guarantee it for others.

The men who were then pledged to that purpose are now typified in the American Legion and the Legion of Oregon will this month gather in La Grande for its department convention, guests of this community.

With that preface The Observer wishes to emphasize the importance of this event to the people of this city and valley, the opportunity that it brings—an opportunity that is often too little appreciated until it is passed.

Much has already been said in various ways, before different civic organizations, in letters, and in news stories, of the size of the convention and number of visitors, of the thousands of dollars that will be spent here during the session, of the chance to show people from all over Oregon the advantages of this city and the Eastern Oregon territory. All of these things are true and important. It will be, without question, the biggest event in La Grande history; it will attract the greatest crowd this city has ever known; it will result in the expenditure here of approximately a quarter million dollars.

But there is another opportunity that deserves consideration as the community's attention is being focused on the coming convention—the opportunity to show true, kindly hospitality to several thousand veterans of the World War and to emphasize by that hospitality the appreciation for the service rendered nine years ago. To be so concerned about their welfare, their entertainment, and their pleasure over having made this convention pilgrimage to Eastern Oregon.

The Legion, like every organization and every group of citizens, is merely a cross-section of America's youthful manhood. It is a cross-section, however, that reflects increasing credit on this country, in spite of minor laxities that receive occasional criticism, and the gathering here will bring together a fine group of Oregon citizens upon whom will rest, and is now resting, the future development and progress of the state.

We, the people of La Grande, should not overlook any chance to make the most of the coming convention, to do everything in our power to make it a success not from our own standpoint but primarily from theirs. It is a community responsibility, not merely the American Legion's, and the interest shown in housing, in entertainment, in friendly association for the visitors will make the event stand out in the annals of the Oregon Legion or will make it ordinary. The time is near. Every effort in cooperating with the convention committee to make the La Grande session memorable will be well worth while and will earn ample compensation.

Over The Valley

Mabel E. Morton, Valley News Editor

Kind Rain, or No?

The rain which fell so generously Sunday was quite a godsend to some of those communities which had been looking longingly toward a holiday on the Fourth and which looked dubiously at the hot fields. In most instances, while it was not the best thing for the hay, it made working in the fields an almost impossibility and gave more of the farmers in the valley a day of rest and joy.

Entertain Her Mother

Mrs. L. A. Hill, of Elgin, has been having a splendid time at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. L. Harrison, of La Grande.

Have Family at Home

Mr. and Mrs. William Tiedeman, of near Ladd, are very happy to have the young people of their family at home again for the summer. As stated once before, Miss Tiedeman has just returned from a visit with her sister at Baker, where she spent after returning from Baker. Also their son, Glenn, is home from the summer camp at Baker having finished his sophomore year's work.

Have Picnic Sunday

Members of the Wallbridge congregation enjoyed a lovely picnic Sunday at the Dry Creek school house, the guests numbering around 25. Dinner was served in the building near the school, where there were also games and other features for entertainment. When the rain would drive them indoors, they repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, north of the school and spent the remainder of the time there.

Entertain Bridge Club

Mrs. Groves Grinnell proved herself a most gracious hostess when she entertained last Friday afternoon the members of the La Grande City Bridge Club. Mrs. Grinnell had had the pretty refreshment table in the different rooms to beautifully decorate her home, and this made the setting for the three tables of bridge which occupied the afternoon. Mrs. J. M. Hester was the high score winner. Mrs. Grinnell's luncheon was served in two courses and was pronounced delicious.

Good Returns Home

Mrs. Claude Fitchell has returned with her family at Hamilton, following a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Black in the Dry Creek neighborhood.

Entertain Young People

Mrs. Sylvia Wainwright, of Elgin, gave a delightful party last evening to a company of about 24 of the young people of that community. It was a real Fourth of July party and the hours were all too short for the games, the dances and all the other real fun provided by Mrs. Wainwright for her guests.

First Fruit Shipped in 1892

Backed from the first car of fruit ever shipped in 1892, looking back at that shipment in the light of the quantity and quality shipped today as well as the summer in which it is put on the market, that beginning was very real, yet it was a beginning. The first shipment consisted of 25 different varieties of apples gathered from the family orchards over the valley. There were also plums and such other fruits as could be gathered in the valley. That was 24 years ago, and those intervening years have seen many and great changes.

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Guests From Elgin

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Carter, of Elgin, Oregon, have been for several days visiting with old friends at Summerville and also in La Grande. They concluded their visit in these localities today going to Baker this morning.

Golden of Liberty

A contest has been in progress at Elgin for the past two weeks, the purpose being to choose some young woman to be the Goddess of Liberty in the celebration yesterday. All the girls of the high school were eligible and Miss Clara Wash, who was the successful candidate, was wearing a beautiful gown.

Pleasant Grove Grange in Picnic

Fifty of the hundred people attended the Fourth of July celebration and picnic held at day yesterday at the Pleasant Grove grange hall, by the members of that organization. It was a splendid day, a splendid program and a splendid picnic, starting early in the morning and not concluding until about six o'clock when the picnic band had departed the Elgin team by an elusive scene on 72-5. There were some very nice races, some very nice races in their three-legged races, some very nice races in the "cat" races and some very nice races in the "cat" races.

Have Sunday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bertsch, living on Mill Creek road above Cove, had as their guests Sunday, Mrs. Bertsch's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. Klopfenstein, also Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reynolds and two children, all of La Grande.

PARK PERSONALS

THE PARK (Special)—Jack Hunter Jr. is herding sheep for Ed Miller this week.

J. C. Lay returned to his home Friday from getting the cattle on the reserve in the mountains above Hamilton Springs.

Most of the snow is melted off China Cap due to the warm air and rains that have visited the Park for the past two weeks. Catherine creek is not very high at present, having returned to its normal channel once more.

Granville Titus, of Union, is visiting relatives at the Park this week.

Mary Vanderer is on the sick list this week.

Miss Della Vandevanter returned to her home Sunday after a very pleasant two weeks' vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruth Glickson of North Powder.

HARTFORD (Special)—Dr. George C. F. Williams of this city, resident of the Connecticut Historical society, has presented the society with the original copy of "Yankee Doodle," beginning with the words: "Father and I went down to camp. The manuscript is among 225 documents of Revolutionary days which Dr. Williams has given to the society.

HEAVY PAYMENTS
NEW YORK—Mill-year payments to American investors are breaking records. During the past few days the mail will deliver checks for some \$550,000,000 representing dividends on stock in some 700 American corporations and interest on government bonds.

UNION PERSONALS

UNION (Special)—Dorrell Train drove away from Baker Sunday morning to visit his mother, Mrs. William Kiehlbeck, and when he returned home Sunday he was accompanied by his mother and sister, Kathryn, who will visit for a short time in Baker.

Mrs. Lizzie Carter and son, Charles, went to Baker Saturday to spend the week end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Doughton. They returned home Monday.

The Union delegates to the district convention of the Neighbors of Woodcraft, which met at Bend, Oregon, returned home last week reporting a splendid time on their trip. They were: Joseph Johnson, Clara Lee, Martha Peterson, Ida Hillard, Lela Langford, Alice Scott, Mary Brown and Nellie Brown.

Douglas Brown is here from Jefferson, Mont. He is the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Minnick, and may remain in Union for some of the summer.

A number of the local Epworth league members are planning to go to Willamina lake the latter part of the week to attend the convention to begin there next Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Hunt, of St. John, Wash., who recently underwent an operation at Hot Lake, is now stopping for a time at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nina Welch, recovering from the effects of the operation.

Glenn Miller and John Westman, the latter accompanied by his two children, Gladys and Baby John, left for Portland the latter part of the week. They left for the Rose City Friday evening and are expected to return Monday. This was made with Mr. Wood, one of the instructors at the normal school at La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Strickland, who were married last Wednesday will make their home in Baker where he is employed in a drug store. Mrs. Strickland, who was formerly Miss Mirvada Strickland, and taught last year in the La Grande school, is planning to teach in Baker this next year. Her home was at Union.

G. A. Manning who sold out his confectionery business here and moved to the southwestern part of the state a few months ago, has returned to Union and taken over the business again. Mrs. Small who has been running the establishment for several months, will return to Idaho.

From latest reports Frank Stewart, who was operated on at Hot Lake a short time ago, is in a very serious condition owing to the fact that he has contracted a case of pneumonia.

Howard Hudson is putting up a dwelling on the property he recently purchased in South Union. The property is located just east of the south school building, where the Felker home was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Knight, their daughter, Annyella, and Mrs. Knight's mother, Mrs. Huff, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mottley at Enterprise over the Fourth.

Frank Webb, of Hot Lake, was at Union Sunday.

The side track from the end of the C. R. of O. railroad is being rebuilt to the Oregon Trail sawmill, and shipments of lumber will soon begin from the new lumber yards. This track was torn up after the old mill was taken away from the vicinity.

Many of the ranchers in this end of the valley have been very busy during the past week putting on their hay crop, some of which was on the ground during the recent rains.

The forest memorial at the city park is nearing completion and will add very materially to the beauty of our city grounds.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE (Special)—Mrs. Edith Delfino, who has been visiting among her friends here for the past two weeks, returned to her home at Huntington Tuesday.

Royal Allen, of Cove, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Alice Allen.

A wire was received here July 3 of the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Baxter, of Portland. Mr. Baxter was a Cove boy and is well known here where he has many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hilly and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chaffee, of Coquille, Ore., and Miss Ila Underwood, of Grand Valley, Ore., made a trip to Willamina lake Wednesday.

L. G. Lantz, G. E. Barker, P. A. Conklin, T. C. Hilly and Harold Chaffee visited Mr. Panny and spent a few hours on Indian creek fishing for trout Thursday.

Mrs. J. W. Ingram, of Pendleton, is a guest of Mrs. L. G. Seuler at the swimming pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lund and small daughter, Margaret Moy, of Treadon, Ark., are the guests of Mr. Lund's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Lund.

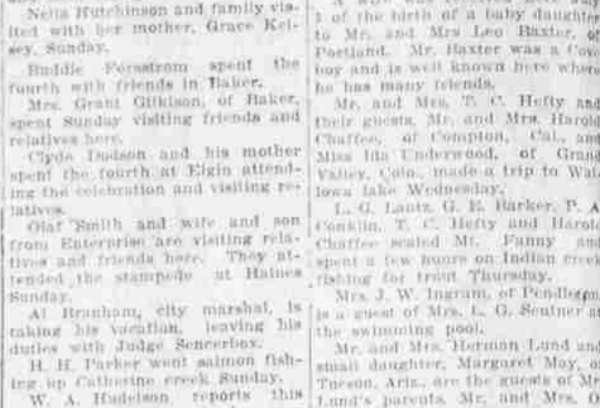
Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Conklin and daughter, Joan Frances, and Mrs. A. G. Conklin, were over night guests of Mrs. Mae Stearns in La Grande Thursday.

NON-DRINKERS' WINE
BUCHAREST (AP)—Scarfing among the Lipovan tribes of the Bucevina and Dobruddan sections of Rumania have a peculiar way of breaking their prohibition laws. In their sect of the old Russian church the drinking of alcoholic liquor is forbidden. The tribes Lipovans do not drink. They say their liquor with a spoon instead of putting their lips to the glass.

FLYING SMOKE STORE
NEW YORK—And now the flying cigar store. A big plane will be stocked with smokes to tour the country advertising and selling chain store's products. Sales will be made when the plane stops. The advertising will be continuous.

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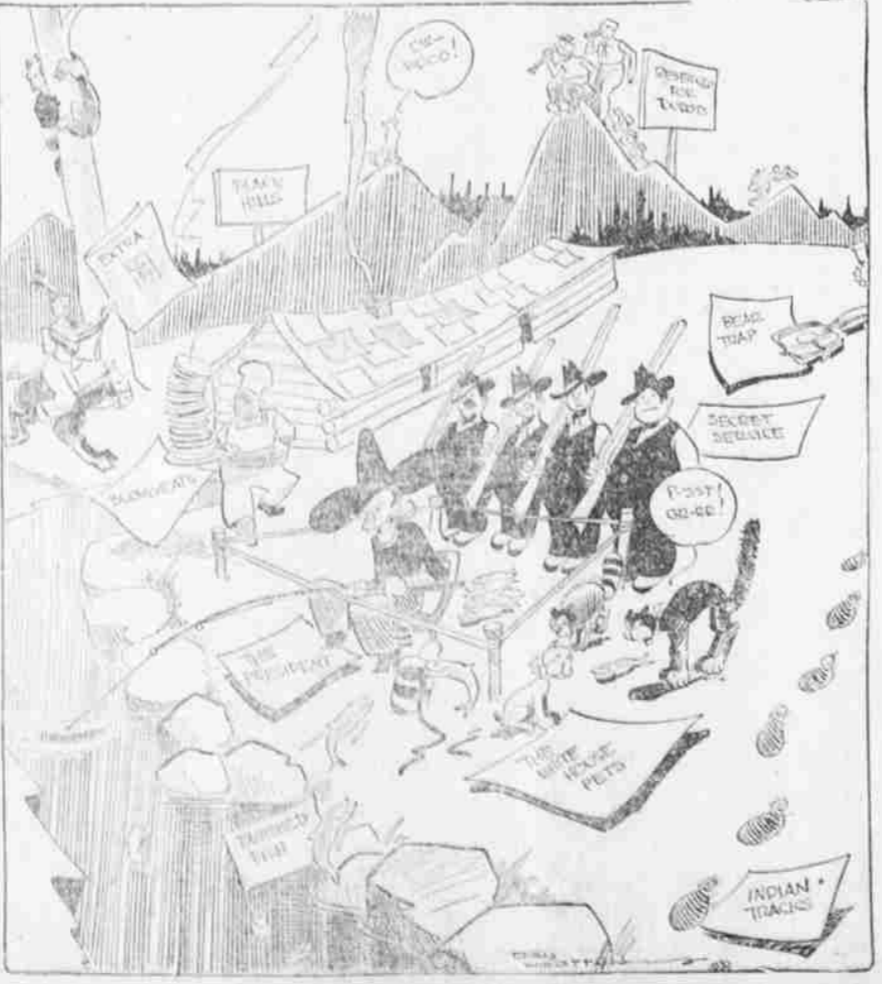
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