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LEGION HOST IS ARRIVING IN LAGRANDE

Veterans Here from Coos Bay, Bend, Salem, Albany, McMinnville

SPECIAL TRAINS EN ROUTE HERE

Formal Opening of Oregon State Convention Will Be at 9:30 O'clock Tomorrow Morning

Up to today noon about 50 legionnaires had already registered for the American Legion state convention, which opens here tomorrow morning and will continue through Saturday, July 22.

The first visiting legionnaires arrived Monday from Vernonia. They were closely followed by representatives from Salem and McMinnville, and today others arrived.

Many more are expected on this evening's train, when the national American Legion commander, Howard P. Savage and his party will also arrive.

Those who will arrive on the special train, which brings the national commander, are Charles Mills, of Miami, Fla., national head of the 49th district; Charles Ardrey, of Indianapolis, national secretary of the 46th district; Dan Sowers, national director of Americanism, and James Drain, past national commander of the American Legion, from Spokane.

Welcome at Depot The group will arrive here on train No. 18 and will be met at the depot by the local American Legion drum corps and the auxiliary first team, which will parade the streets at eight o'clock before time for the train to arrive.

This parade and the band concert given by the La Grande municipal band at 7:45 o'clock will be the first entertainment features of the convention.

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TO MEGAPHONE FIGHT RETURNS TOMORROW AT 6

When Jack Dempsey, ex-heavyweight champion of the world, and Jack Sharkey, ex-Taneytown, N. Y., boxer, tomorrow—the Associated Press-based who will bring about a sensational inside report into the Observer's office.

The decision to hold a megaphone party and publish an extra both in the result of the accident that local fight fans have given the Observer in the past for its speedy coverage of big fights, and a determination by the newspaper to break local records on this battle.

The boxed seats will open at 5:30 p. m., and the Dempsey-Sharkey fight is scheduled to begin at 6 p. m., Pacific coast time. The returns will be megaphoned by rounds. In order to hear the complete fight, fans are urged to be in front of the Observer office not later than 6 o'clock. Regular prices will be charged for the fight extra, and newspapers will not only sell visitors in the business district but also at the high school field.

Thousands of Convention Visitors The streets of La Grande will be crowded throughout the time of the Legion convention, crowded with members of the Legion, crowded with additional thousands from surrounding towns and counties.

Places of business can show the city's and their individual hospitality most quickly and most thoroughly through the columns of The Observer. Each afternoon edition will be sold at all news stands and by peddlers on all streets. A fight extra will be issued Thursday evening, following the receipt of the blow-by-blow story of the Sharkey-Dempsey bout, and will be sold throughout the city.

Continued, certain contact with the thousands of visitors will be possible in The Observer every day in addition to the regular coverage of the La Grande territory.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Pioneer Picnic Bgins at 9:45 Tomorrow Morn

Annual County Meeting Will Be Held in Riverside Park; Mrs. Eckley Will Preside.

Once each year the pioneers of Union county gather at Riverside park here and tomorrow is the date set for the 24th annual picnic, which will open shortly after 9:30 o'clock, presided over by Mrs. Bettie J. Eckley.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the program Mrs. Harriet Macdonald, chairman of the program committee, announces. The Rev. Oliver Riley will give the invocation and the pioneers will be welcomed to La Grande by A. T. Hill, city president. Senator A. R. Hunter will welcome the pioneers in behalf of the Sons and Daughters, and Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, president of the Union County Pioneer association, will give the response. Mrs. Mattie Golden, secretary, will read the necrology.

Everyone will join in a picnic lunch at noon, each family bringing a basket.

The afternoon program will begin at 1:30 o'clock and will include music and talks. The principal address of the day will be given by Milton A. Miller, of Portland.

Governor L. L. Patterson will be in the city and will be invited to give a brief address.

'The Lone Wolf' Admits Trying To Rob Arcade

'The Lone Wolf', alias 'The Black Eagle', and in everyday life John Richard Byng, is in the city all today awaiting a serious examination, following his arrest and confession to having entered the Arcade theater and attempted to rob the safe, the chief of police, Clint Haynes, declared this morning.

The Arcade was entered sometime Saturday night and, while nothing was taken, this note was left—printed with a pencil:

"Gentlemen: I am very sorry to have made such a mess of your door but I didn't get anything because the combination of the safe is far from my knowledge, and besides I forgot my tools.

"However—you will hear from me again.

"The Lone Wolf."

The note immediately caused the police chief to recall the "Black Eagle" episode—a couple of letters written by Byng a couple of years ago which for awhile excited the police until the perpetrator of the black was traced.

Byng was arrested last night. He returned to La Grande after staying away since Saturday night. The police chief reports his confession was readily made.

Goes Fishing And Brings Home Bees

The Oregonian and students of the Eastern Oregon summer school school have found an abundance of interest and have been treated so cordially by the people of this city that they are beginning to regret that the short six weeks period will soon be ended, according to Mr. Longworth.

Incidentally, he tells of an achievement of A. M. Zevy, his fishing instructor, who varied his fishing at Morgan lake and elsewhere by bringing a swarm of bees home in a fish basket. The swarm was discovered in a tree near the lake and, taking Mr. Longworth's basket, the history teacher shook the honey makers off the branch and shut down the lid.

After bringing them home, Mrs. Zevy discovered a hive but apparently the bees did not care for their new mansion, because on the following morning they were A. W. O. L.

Twin Boys Born At 2606 North Fir St.

The stark visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Poposa, 2606 North Fir street, last night at about 11 o'clock and left two baby boys. They weighed six and five and three-quarter pounds, respectively. This morning names for the babies had not yet been selected.

Both the mother and children are getting along nicely.

LONGWORTH IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the national house of representatives who has been the guest of Representative M. E. Crumpacker here for several days will leave for San Francisco by train at one o'clock Thursday morning and arrive in that city Friday morning.

During his stay here Mr. Longworth has been extensively interviewed and has manifested great interest in the legislative needs of the Pacific northwest.

LOCAL AUXILIARY OFFICIALS



Here are the members of the American Legion auxiliary commission: Mrs. Essie Thompson, Mrs. Ida Richardson, Dr. Margaret Dugle, Mrs. Rena A. Palmer, president, and Mrs. Jean Richardson.

STEELE TO TRY ENDURANCE DRIVE

Handcuffed to Auto, He Will Run Machine for 146 Successive Hours

Timothy "Red" Steele, known as the "Sword Man" and who is famous throughout the west for his endurance drives—made when handcuffed to the wheel of an automobile, arrived in La Grande yesterday and will attempt to break a 144-hour record set at Pendleton July 5.

Mr. Steele, whose home is in Seattle, will try to lengthen his record to 148 hours—six full days and nights and two hours. He will start his drive Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from in front of the Observer office and, if he is able to complete his feat, the drive will end at the same place next Wednesday, July 27, at noon. Chief of Police Clint Haynes will handcuff Mr. Steele to the wheel of the auto he will drive and will keep the keys in his pocket until the drive is ended.

The chief will drive near the oil intake and the drive will be made with no additional water.

Equipped With Radio The car will be equipped with an Atwater-Kent radio, which will furnish radio music during the endurance drive. He will appear all three nights of the American Legion convention at the local city dancing pavilion, remaining there an hour and a half each evening.

Mr. Steele will be attended by three nurses, each spending about a day with him and administering to his needs, such as feeding him and the like. A barber will attend to his hair and shave him at the wheel.

He will have no sleep for the entire 146 hours he has aimed at and is "ditching" himself in preparation for the period. He has gradually been less than eight hours per night until he is down to only four hours sleep each night. Mr. Steele says that erratic sleep.

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Band Concert At Ball Park Tonight

The third outdoor concert of the La Grande municipal band will be held tonight, beginning at 7:45 o'clock at the high school athletic field. No charge will be made and the director, Andrew Loney, announces that an excellent program will be rendered. The concert will be under the auspices of the city government.

SALEM BOY KILLED

SALEM, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Ray Derry, 7, son of William Derry, of new independence, was yesterday killed Tuesday night when he jumped from a truck in the yard at home. The youth was caught beneath the wheels of the vehicle before it could be stopped.

THESE ARE THE LEGIONNAIRES WHO ARE PAVING THE WAY



If anyone believes that preparing for a state convention at which 2,000 persons are expected, is a snap, ask any one of these men—committee men of the La Grande American Legion past who are in charge of arranging all details for the convention which opens here tomorrow morning. (Upper row (left to right): Fred E. Kibbe, general chairman of convention committee; Ralph Huron, in charge of parade; Hugh E. Brady, assistant general chairman and post commander; Jesse Andrews, entertainment, parade; James Ralph Winters, transportation, entertainment; Ray F. Murphy, entertainment, concessions; E. V. Talbot, fireworks, dances; Roy Curry, publicity, entertainment, drum corps; J. L. Lugh, entertainment, parade. Lower row (left to right): Ollis W. Palmer, fireworks, badges, registration; Jimmie McNamee, housing; Chester Thompson, stunts, 40-8, dances; Lloyd L. Busy, princess contest; Fred B. Reed, fireworks, parade, field feed; Harley H. Richardson, decorations, transportation; L. A. Bohnenkamp, drum corps and feed; H. M. Scott, transportation; Ray Williams, secretary of convention committee and publicity manager.

BEST LEGION YEAR SINCE 1921, SAVAGE

National Commander in Spokane Today En Route Here

STATES' PROGRAM IS 100 PER CENT

Veterans' Chief Attending Eight State Legion Conventions on His Western Trip.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 20 (AP)—The present year is expected to be "the biggest Legion year since 1921," Howard P. Savage, national commander, said here today where he stopped briefly en route to the Oregon state convention at La Grande. He will return here July 27 for the Washington state convention.

"I shall be able to report at the national convention in Paris in September almost 100 per cent completion of our program," he announced. "And it took the entire organization—all the 11,000 posts—to put it across, not any individual post or department."

Commander Savage is attending eight legion state conventions on his present trip.

TO MEET SAVAGE PENDLETON, July 20 (AP)—Legionnaires are prepared to greet National Commander Howard Savage when he arrives here this evening. The post members will present him with a souvenir in Iron Round-Up style and will then escort him to La Grande for the convention, which starts tomorrow.

RESERVED CAR SPACE There will be reserved car space for 42 cars, and tickets may be had at the Glass drug store.

CONVENTION PARKING, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS No parking of motor vehicles will be allowed on Adams avenue from Fir to Third streets during the three days of the American Legion convention, July 21, 22 and 23, and during drilling or stunts on Adams, the section of street will be entirely closed to traffic.

This ruling was made by the city commission at the request of the American Legion post here.

PIREWORKS BIG FEATURE Reserved seat tickets for the gigantic fireworks display, which will be a feature of the last day of the American Legion convention in La Grande—which opens tomorrow—were sold on Saturday at the Glass drug store today.

This is the only feature of the entire convention for which admission will be charged. General admission tickets may be had at the American Legion registration headquarters at the Perkins Motor company garage, or at the American Legion auxiliary booth at the L. & T. corner.

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EAST NORMAL EXPECTED TO MOVE AHEAD

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Normal Rate Up Today For the same reason that the board will not go ahead with construction of the new state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles, for which about \$250,000 has been appropriated, a proposed industrial building at the state hospital and buildings at other state institutions may likewise fail by the wayside.

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BRITISH TO ACT; GENEVA ANXIOUS

Decision by English Cabinet Is Expected Soon—Body Meeting Today

GENEVA, July 20 (AP)—The most weighty decision is about to be taken by the British cabinet in conference with the tripartite naval conference is the general opinion prevailing today in conference circles at Geneva.

The negotiations at Geneva have been continued for the last few days in what was said to be the pleasantest possible spirit, all three delegations expressing encouragement, but without an agreement being found on a question which both the United States and Great Britain consider vital. This problem is whether the United States will commit herself to mount no guns larger than six inches on her secondary cruisers.

L. S. May Resist The impression in Geneva is that the American delegates will resist any attempt to subject the United States to any type of compromise which the American delegation believes is unwarranted to her naval needs and will also resist any effort to confine armament to six-inch guns which, as a result of the Washington agreement, may be mounted on her purchased cruisers, of which it is pointed out, Great Britain possesses so many.

The British delegation maintains that if Great Britain must keep within the suggested total ton-

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Will Determine Fate of Normal School Today

Board of Regents Meet in Salem—Building Program to Be Decided On.

SALLEM, Ore., July 20 (AP)—The first reaction of state government to the results of the special election of June 28, when the state income tax and other financial measures were defeated, came yesterday when the state board of control refused to proceed with the construction of the nurses' home at the state hospital for which the last legislature appropriated \$130,000. This action also is a reflection of the supreme court decision of last week holding that the state could not construct a new office building with funds of the state industrial accident commission because it would throw the state in debt over \$50,000. This it was held, would be unconstitutional.

Under present conditions at the state hospital it is necessary to give nurses and attendants lodging quarters in the main building. If the new building were constructed it would be possible to house at least 125 more patients in the main building. Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the hospital, predicted that both the Salem and the Pendleton hospitals would be crowded to capacity by the end of 12 months.

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The monarch's long and courageous battle with that dread malady—cancer—came to a close at the chateau at Paltin, in the summer residence of the Rumanian royal family.

The end came with suddenness, but was peaceful in the extreme, the king closing his eyes calmly as if falling asleep. Members of the royal family were at his bedside. Queen Marie and their daughter, Queen Marie, of Yugoslavia, having arrived before death came. Former King George, of Greece, and his wife, Elizabeth, another daughter of the Rumanian monarch, also were present.

Queen With Him "I feel very tired," King Ferdinand breathed as he sank into Queen Marie's arms. Those were his last words, for his eyes closed and death came almost instantly.

Ferdinand's death had long been expected and even the simple country folk, who loved him more as a kindly father than as a king, knew that the disease which he was so continuously battling would be fatal.

Recently rumors flew thick and fast and for days a time report would spread like wildfire that he had finally died. These reports, most official denial and then encouraging reports would follow—that the king was receiving visitors daily, that his condition was steadily improving, that he was able to take part in councils of state.

Death Long Expected But these favorable reports failed to deceive and the blow that fell today was long feared and long expected.

Last year, just after Queen Marie's hurried return from her visit to the United States, his physicians gave him up for lost. But the king was firm in the hope that he might help to place his country on a stable political basis despite actual divisions and conflicts among powerful interests and clung to life. He told friends he hoped to see once more before death came, his wayward son Carol, "the madcap of the Balkans," who his parental discipline had sent into exile.

From time to time there were indications that the physicians' battle was being won. These reports, however, were not to be trusted and the dangerous condition seemed alleviated in a measure by applications of radium and other treatments. Then the weakening nature of his illness would be demonstrated and the royal patient would again be forced to bed.

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Only a few weeks ago Premier (Continued on Page Four)

Stanfield Bank To Pay Dividends

PENDLETON, July 20 (AP)—The depositors of the defunct Stanfield bank will receive 20 per cent dividends following an order by Circuit Judge Fox yesterday. Liquidation of the bank has been under way for some time.

TODAY'S GAMES

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Bramwell Has No Idea of Resigning

PORTLAND, Ore., July 20 (AP)—Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, has no intention of resigning, and has not the slightest concern over the report that he is to be displaced by the state banking commission in favor of Hal W. Gault, assessor. Mr. Bramwell informed the Portland Telegram today.

"If the state banking commission had any disposition to play politics with my office, I should have discovered it long ago," Mr. Bramwell said. "On the contrary, I believe I have the full confidence of the commission. I have certainly had their cooperation and support in my work."

Umatilla Named As Shops Leader

PENDLETON, July 20 (AP)—M. N. Jenkins, of Umatilla, was elected general chairman of the county-wide campaign of the U. W. R. & N. shopmen's association at the formal convention which closed here yesterday. W. E. Van Born, of Portland, was elected secretary-treasurer. Fifty-two craft chairmen from Portland, Seattle, Spokane, The Dalles, Umatilla, La Grande, Reith, Pendleton and Tilton were present.