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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Fair tonight and Saturday with fog near the coast. High temperature and lower humidity in the interior.

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LEGION MEET BREAKING ALL RECORDS

CONVENTION ATTENDANCE ABOUT 2,500

Governor I. L. Patterson and Father Lonergan Among Speakers

CHAPLAIN MAKES AMERICANISM PLEA

Drum and Bugle Corps Contest Feature of This Afternoon's Program of Events.

The sound of drum and bugle awoke La Grande in the second day of the American Legion state convention here this morning and at 9 o'clock the business meetings started at Legion hall, presided over by the department commander, Arthur Murphy, of Portland.

Today the convention registration had reached the 2500 mark, this feature of the local post, reported. The estimate placed on the crowd by this was 2500. Ninety per cent of the delegates and alternates to the convention are present, which is the largest percentage ever.

Several convention visitors who were not here yesterday were present today and departed during the morning session. Among them was John Fattus, department commander of the Washington state post, who brought greetings from the legionnaires of that state; Senator Jay Upton, of Bend; Seneca Pauls, Basco, officer of the Spanish War veterans of Portland; Father Joseph Lonergan, past national chaplain of the American Legion, of Illinois; Governor I. L. Patterson, of the state of Oregon, of Salem; Captain Pat Kelly, official representative of the veterans of foreign wars; and Brigadier General George A. White, head of the national defense program for Oregon.

Lonergan Speaks In a stirring talk to the legionnaires this morning, Father Joe Lonergan urged the ex-service men to keep before the people of the United States Americanism, which would bring all people who come to America from foreign countries into one common group—American citizens. He reviewed the traditions carried down from the time of George Washington and urged

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DEATH TAKES GILES HARNDEN, OF LA GRANDE

Giles Harnden, age 47, passed away late yesterday afternoon after an extended illness. Mr. Harnden resided at La Grande and was a member for the Pacific Coast district company here.

He leaves besides his widow, three sons, William, Elmer and George, and one daughter, Ethel, all of La Grande, besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harnden, of Union.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the I. D. S. tabernacle, Bishop Grand Jean in charge. Interment will be made in the Island City cemetery.

The deceased was a member of the K. P. lodge here. He remains are at the Hunter-Hohenkamp mortuary.

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 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 newsboys on all streets. A light 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. Constant, certain contact with the city's visitors will be possible in The Observer every day in addition to the regular coverage of the La Grande territory.

"Observer Advertisers—A Merchandising Service"

Grocery Stores To Remain Open All of Saturday

Some Business Places to Close for Parade—Local Lumber Companies Give Half Holiday

Grocery stores of La Grande will remain open throughout the day tomorrow contrary to an announcement made in yesterday's issue of The Observer. Some of the other stores, however, will close during the parade for approximately an hour. This is done to allow some of the employees to take part in the parade.

The Mt. Emily and Bowman-Eliks lumber companies will close up for the entire afternoon Saturday, to permit their employees to witness the American Legion parade and other features of the afternoon program.

O.-W. Trapshoot And Rifle Teams To Be Selected

The rifle and scattergun elimination contests for the O.-W. unit, to pick teams to represent this section at the annual meet in Provo, Utah, in September, will be held in La Grande Sunday. It is announced today. The eliminations will be conducted under the auspices of the local Union Pacific Athletic club.

The rifle trials will begin about 8 o'clock at the national guard range and the trapshooting events will begin at 10:30 o'clock at the grounds near the hospital. In the latter event some practice rounds will be fired prior to 10:30 o'clock.

Will Saw First Log At Pondsosa On Next Monday

It is announced today that on July 25, the first log at the Grande Rode Lumber company's new plant at Pondsosa, near Medical Springs, will be sawed at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Reduction of Taxes Is Held Probable

Reduction of taxes applying of this year's income which would be paid beginning next March 15, appears probable.

This proposal is included in a tax reduction plan outlined yesterday by Senator Smoot, republican of Utah, chairman of the finance committee, to President Coolidge.

The administration is prepared to go ahead with the tax slash at the next session and Senator Smoot expressed the view that at least \$200,000,000 in the annual budget of federal taxes could be topped off in the new measure.

Explosion Wrecks Kansas City Block

Shaken by a terrific explosion early today, a whole city block of Kansas City's north side presents a little town appearance.

One three-story brick house was blown into flattened ruins, houses for blocks around were shaken, some were killed, but many persons nursed cuts and bruises.

Saturday, July 23 9:00 A. M.—Call to order by department commander; advancement of colors; invocation; report of trophy and awards committee; convention committee; addresses; distinguished guests; unfinished business; election of officers; department commander, department vice commander, department chairman, national committee-man, district executive committee-man, delegates and alternates to 1927 Pacific convention; retirement of colors and adjournment; meeting of new executive committee.

1:00 P. M.—Golf tournament under auspices of Blue Mountain Country club.

2:00 P. M.—Convention parade.

2:00 P. M.—Band concert.

3:00 P. M.—Public wedding, introduction of visiting Indian chiefs.

3:30 P. M.—Gigantic fireworks display; three public dances.

TO BE MARRIED



Miss Blanche Rice, Legion auxiliary member, and Albert Lamm, American Legion member, are to be publicly married at the high school athletic field Saturday night at 8 o'clock by Judge Hugh E. Brady, who is also La Grande post commander.

TO CROWN QUEEN OF CONVENTION

Coronation Ceremony to Take Place at Adams and Fir Tonight

The queen coronation, a feature of the American Legion state convention which will decide the 1927 convention queen, will be held this evening at the intersection of Adams avenue and Fir street. A platform for the contest is being constructed today.

Princesses representing various legion posts in attendance at the convention will take part in the contest, among them being Princess Silverstar, Indian maiden of Post 1043, 31st—Astoria; Princess Foot Proo, the only all-Indian Legion post in the U. S.

Miss Ruth Ranswell is princess for the La Grande legion post. All of the contestants will represent something for which her town or community is noted.

The public is invited to attend the contest, which will be at 8 o'clock.

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PIONEERS OF COUNTY END 1927 PICNIC

Dunham Wright, Medical Springs, Is Again President

Eligibility Rules for Entering Association Altered Due to Loss by Death During Year.

SONS, DAUGHTERS ALSO IN SESSION

One other important item of business transacted by the organization was the changing of the requirements for entrance into the pioneer association. Up to this time, the term "pioneer" on which eligibility to membership rests, has included only those who came into this county previous to the building of the first railroad, or 1881. This is a limitation which is being more keenly felt each year as the pioneers are dropping off in ever-increasing numbers.

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Braxton Singers In Concert Here At M. E. Church

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SOEITY'S PARADE EVENING FEATURE

Procession Followed by Annual Wreck, Attended by Charles Mills, Organization Chief.

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