

CARAVAN OF PORTLANDERS COMING HERE

Goodwill Excursion Train Will Visit in La Grande Friday Oct. 21

100 VISITORS WILL BE CITY'S GUESTS

Group to Stop in Wallowa County a Few Days Before Returning Here From Boise.

Just one month from today, Friday Oct. 21, about 100 Portland business men will visit La Grande on their annual goodwill excursion.

Announcement of the annual trip has been received by Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce.

The chamber of commerce entertainment committee, of which J. L. Lally is chairman, will have charge of the work of preparing for the day will begin soon.

To Visit Wallowa County The excursion will leave Portland Sunday, Oct. 16, according to the schedule received here, and the first stop will be in Union county, at Imbler, Monday morning, Oct. 17, at eight o'clock.

At a short stop there the train will go to the Elgin and then to Wallowa, county points, stopping at Wallowa, Lentine, Enterprise and Joseph.

The train will then return from Wallowa county and pass through La Grande without stopping and will go as far east as Boise, Idaho, stopping at all points between here and Boise for a short visit.

Return Here Oct. 21 At Boise the train will return to Portland again and will arrive in La Grande at 7:30 o'clock Friday morning, Oct. 21, remaining here until 11:15 that morning.

After La Grande the train will make only one stop, which will be at Pendleton, en route home to Portland.

3 Portland Boys Are Under Arrest

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21. (AP)—Three Portland boys, aged 12, 14 and 15, missing since Monday and at first feared drowned, turned up last night at Vernonia, Ore., reported to local officers that the boys were under arrest there charged with theft from a store, and with stealing a small touring car.

Lenroot, Underwood Win Appointments

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (AP)—Former Wisconsin Gov. Lenroot, of Wisconsin, and Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, today were appointed respectively as members of the Anglo-American commission and the Franco-American commission which deal with arbitration questions.

Fort Sill Damaged By \$250,000 Fire

LAWTON, Okla., Sept. 21. (AP)—The barracks were destroyed by fire on the post here today, with damage totaling \$250,000. No one was injured.

The origin of the fire has not been determined.

HIS CUSTOMER DEPRECIATION

Every business man allows for the depreciation of his stocks, fixtures and equipment. Some of his stock is certain to become out-of-date, decreased in value. Some of his fixtures and equipment is certain to become worn and less efficient. He must cover this loss with an allowance for depreciation.

But sometimes he fails to allow for an item of depreciation that can represent a far more serious loss—customer depreciation. How can he prevent customers from becoming less valuable? His advertising investment protects his customers, prevents depreciation, adds value by adding to his following. If he fails to advertise, he is overlooking the most important depreciation item in his business.

"Observer Advertiser"—A Merchandising Service"

Airmail Service Halts Here Only 13 Times in Year

Most of Stops Caused by Storms or Foggy Conditions—Record Considered Excellent.

Since the first of 1927 the airmail service through La Grande over the Salt Lake-Boise-Pasco airmail line has been exceptionally good, the mail planes having been forced to land here and send the mail by train only 13 times in that length of time, according to local reports.

Most of these stops were due to storms or fog and occurred before the first of May, according to R. H. Huron, post master here. During the winter and early spring the fog is heavy over the Blue mountains west of here, making travel by airplane difficult and it was for this reason in most cases that the mail plane landed here and sent the mail on by train.

Airmail going east causes little disturbance in the post office here in case it becomes necessary to send it on from here by train. West bound mail must be entirely gone over and sorted, however, and takes a considerably amount of time according to Mr. Huron.

It is evident, according to him, that the airmail service is improving. In recent months airmail rarely comes into the local post office, which means that more planes are completing their trips without being compelled to stop.

The Salt Lake-Boise-Pasco airmail line has an efficiency percentage of 84 for the first six months of this year, 278 of the 323 scheduled trips on the line having been completed. Twenty-six of the trips were incomplete and 28 were not started due to weather conditions and darkness. A total of 147,346 miles were flown during the first six months of the year by the mail line and 22,612 pounds of mail carried, with an annual income of \$57,888.62.

The airmail line through La Grande was started a little more than a year ago.

TWO-DAY SESSION COMES TO CLOSE

Biennial Council of Maintenance Foremen's Association Ends

The biennial council meeting of the national council of Maintenance Foremen's Association came to a close yesterday afternoon after a two-day session which was attended by about 30 section foremen and officials of the association, including P. A. Stevens, president of the Union Pacific Maintenance of Way Association, Roy Minneek, of La Grande, president at the meeting which was occupied with a discussion of the problems and performance of foremen. The meetings were held at the O-W. club-house.

Eight More Enroll In La Grande High

Since the beginning of the present school eight additional students have been enrolled in the high school, E. D. Towler, principal, announced this morning. This brings the enrollment figure over the 550 mark. A complete report will be made next week, Mr. Towler said this morning.

Believe Old Glory Hit Water Head-on

RAY ROBERTS, Newfoundland, Sept. 21. (AP)—Belief that the monoplane Old Glory, lost at sea while attempting a transatlantic flight hit the water head-on with a slight list to the right while going about 30 miles an hour, was expressed by members of the crew of the steamer Kala. The Kala had put into this port with a portion of the wreckage of the plane, recovered several hundred miles off the Newfoundland coast. Members of Kala's crew thought the right side of the plane must have struck the water first, ripping off the top of the fuselage which carried with it a part of the left side of the plane.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (AP)—The New York Daily Mirror says today that the wreckage of the transatlantic monoplane Old Glory, recovered at sea, is in such condition that probably the reason for its crash never will be known.

PARIS, Sept. 21. (AP)—The French senate was organized today by the American Legion convention yesterday by Senator J. Tyson of Tennessee as having carried "Europe, longest and furthest" in "Europe. The torch of liberty and freedom and equality for all mankind."

Senator Tyson himself a veteran of the world war, acknowledged "as a senator, an American citizen and a member of the American Legion, I am proud to be a part of the United States' eternal devotion and gratitude to France for all she did for the United States in the Revolutionary war of 1776."

DEMPSEY TO ENTER RING A FAVORITE

Drift in Experts' Opinions Toward Ex-Champion Pronounced

\$2,250,000 GATE APPEARS CERTAIN

Fair And Cool Weather is Prediction for Battle—Both Fighters in Peak Of Condition.

FIGHT RETURNS The Observer will receive blow-by-blow fight returns over the Associated Press leased wire tomorrow night, beginning about 6:30 o'clock. The results will be magnified from the second floor of The Observer office by rounds and telephone calls will also be conveyed. Giving a comprehensive story of the fight, Ed C. Sheddworth, who negotiated the Dempsey-Sharkey fight for The Observer, will again give the results to the crowd in front of the office. Preliminary reports will be magnified beginning about 8 o'clock.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21. (AP)—The local, barrier threatening tomorrow night's fight for the heavyweight championship between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey was huddled safely late today when the induction portion of the Coliseum club, which claimed it had a contract for Dempsey to fight Harry Wills, was denied.

By Allen J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Writer) CHICAGO, Sept. 21. (AP)—The greatest ring spectacle of all times may also witness the astonishing, if not unprecedented feat of a challenger for the world's heavyweight title entering the ring a favorite over the champion.

If such favoritism is based on waning interest and popular sentiment, it seems likely that Jack Dempsey will be the choice to conquer Gene Tunney and regain the heavyweight crown in their second match tomorrow night at Soldier Field.

Although a majority of sports writers apparently favor Tunney's chances of victory, the drift in opinion among them toward a Dempsey triumph has been almost as pronounced within the past few days on the staff in betting from a place where the champion was an 8 to 5 favorite four days ago to favorites today of waters being made with Dempsey, the favorite at six to five.

Latest odds The first concrete evidence of this unusual switch in betting sentiment was disclosed by the Chicago Tribune in reporting that Patsy McFarland famous former lightweight boxer, had placed \$2,000 to \$5,000 on Tunney. It followed a general trend of reports circulated everywhere, right down to the gambling joints, that heavy betting backing was backing Dempsey's chances.

It is because of such undercurrent as this, talk of which will be the "game money" is being wagered and such events as Dempsey's hastily suppressed "open letter" campaign against Tunney's heavy betting, that heavy betting backing Dempsey's chances.

Expect 150,000 Crowd It is the combination of this widely divergent opinion and the personal drawing powers of the editor, ex-champion, Dempsey, plus the story of the "game money" that has "built up" this record-breaking event. The fond hope of the New York promoter that he will stage his first \$2,000,000 battle does not seem likely to be dashed but.

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Recreation Hall Benefit Will Be Given Saturday

For the benefit of the new recreational hall, which is now under construction by the Lester Day State church here, a musical box benefit concert will be given Saturday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the tubercular auditorium. Consideration work is progressing rapidly at the hall site on Fourth street and an effort is being made by the state and county committees, headed by Mrs. J. Rosenbloom, chairman, to keep the work going. It is for this purpose that the musical box benefit concert, to which the public is invited.

People from Walla Walla as well as from Union county will take part in the program, which will consist of pipe organ numbers, vocal selections, quartet numbers, instrumental numbers, recitations, etc.

LEGION VOTE FAVORS AIR DEPARTMENT

Spirited Session in Paris Precedes Adoption of Committee Report

BILLY MITCHELL STARTS FIREWORKS

Former Brigadier General Attempts to Secure Amendment, Favoring Immediate Action.

PARIS, Sept. 21. (AP)—The selection of San Antonio, Texas, for the 1928 convention of the American Legion by the American Legion committee was approved by the convention today.

Election of the legion commander for 1928 is occupying the entire attention of delegates in various rooms and meetings throughout Paris.

Three candidates are mentioned, and there is a pronounced feeling that the commander this year must come from an eastern state. Edward E. Stafford, of New York City; J. M. Johnson, of Marion, S. C.; and Paul MacNeil, of Indiana, are the three men likely to provide the 1928 commander unless the balloting should be too close and a dark horse break the deadlock.

PARIS, Sept. 21. (AP)—The aviation report of the national defense committee of the American Legion presented at today's session of the legion convention called for the consolidation of all branches of national defense into one department, with secretaries for each branch including aviation. It prescribed a spirited fight.

Former Brigadier General William Mitchell, long the stormy petrel of the American aviation petrel, was the man who started the fireworks and for some minutes flew high until finally upon the motion of Legionnaire Gilligan of Ohio, the former general's remarks were stricken from the record.

Report Adopted An attempt to obtain a vote on Mitchell's report was made several times and a roll call had to be resorted to, an amendment to the report being finally defeated by 622 and 289 and the report adopted. Several states split on the roll call and some claimed not to be present.

General Mitchell making for the adoption of the recommendation without amendment shouted, "A department of aviation at once!"

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La Grande Grid Team Will Play Union on Nov. 24

Thanksgiving day has been selected for the date of the annual football game between the La Grande and Union high school teams. It was announced this morning, Thanksgiving falls on November 24 this year. With the completion of arrangements with the La Grande school, the schedule is nearly complete, only one or two dates remaining to be filled.

According to Coach Ralph Christie, practice is coming along satisfactorily, with daily drill work being done by the team. The squad has arrived to practice about 25 players, the date of the game will be delayed on Oct. 8 at Wallawa.

Eleven Planes Leave Frisco For Spokane; Flyers Pass Portland

PHOENIX, Sept. 21. (AP)—N. C. Lippard plane Class A, from San Francisco, was the first to land at 2:29 p. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21. (AP)—Eleven airplanes took off from Mills field here today for Spokane, Wash., en route to the Pacific coast air derby. They were competing for prizes ranging in value from \$1500 to \$1000.

The first plane left the runway under the glare of searchlights for it was not yet 100 feet.

NEAR-VICTIMS OF POISONER



Here are some of the actors in Kansas City's mysterious poisoning drama. At the left is little Jackie Constock, who was poisoned by candy he found in his wagon; above, at the right, is Miss Catherine Dills, at whose party a box of poisoned candy was mysteriously delivered; and below is Mrs. R. P. Noel, who was poisoned by beans from a tree in her own yard.

M. E. Conference Begins Regular Business Session

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 21. (AP)—The regular business of the 75th session of the Oregon conference, Methodist Episcopal church, commenced here this morning when Bishop William O. Simpson opened the invitation of 400,000 members of the denomination to all in attendance. More than 400 delegates, pastors and visitors had arrived for the first called meeting.

Following the reading of the conference roll call, the names of pastors, pastors' wives and children who had died during the year were read and a memorial service was conducted.

The major part of the afternoon session today will be taken up by the representatives of the secretaries of various conference interests. Of general interest are those of the conference's elaborate endowment fund, religious education committee, Wesley Methodist hospital in Portland, Pacific Christian A-S-Vs, historical society and the Wesley Foundation fund.

Reappoint Starr As Normal Regent

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21. (AP)—R. L. Starr, of Portland, was reappointed regent of the Oregon State Normal school by the Oregon state normal school board here today. The appointment is for two years.

Babe Ruth Gets 55th Homer Today

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (AP)—Babe Ruth drops out his 55th homer of the season in the ninth inning of the Yankees-Detroit game today.

Turkey Growers Meeting Tonight

PORTLAND, Sept. 21. (AP)—Turkey growers of the Pacific coast are meeting tonight with Mrs. C. G. Brink, of the Idaho Turkey Growers' association, to discuss the Idaho plan of cooperative marketing. It is possible that the marketing co-operative may be affiliated with the Idaho grower or vice versa.

France Requests Recall of Envoy

PARIS, Sept. 21. (AP)—The French government has been covering the head of Christian Rakovsky, Soviet ambassador to France, has been recalled.

Mr. Rakovsky had been recalled because of his alleged participation in the assassination of the late French president, Raymond Poincaré.

Fear Stalks The Streets; Poison Attacks Cause

Mysterious Criminal Strikes Terror in Hearts of Mothers in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21. (AP)—A mysterious poisoner, who roams the city unseen and strikes in unaccountable hidden fashion at little children, is at large in Kansas City.

Mothers are having a hard time of it because they allow their children to eat it.

Retirements at parties are in many cases continued to articles that are not unwrapped from the time they are made up at the convention until they are ready to serve.

Even fruit from trees growing in back yards is looked upon with suspicion.

Such Craved Woman All of this is because someone—a woman, it is believed, intentionally poisoned by some strange husband of children—has been going about the city trying to put into circulation a wholesale quantity of children's poison. Most of their children, it is said, have been made ill by the poison. Either because the poison doses were too small or because none of the victims ate enough to meet with serious effects, there have been no deaths.

Most of the poisoning cases have been confined to the exclusive residential district in the vicinity of 27th street and Main avenue. But mothers all over the city are taking precautions.

The mysterious trouble started at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bahner, where the four children found a nicely packed box of candy lying in the yard.

They ate part of it, and shortly afterward became seriously ill. A physician was called, and saved the lives of Mrs. Bahner and her children. Miss Catherine Dills, who lives at 27th street and Main avenue, had previously analyzed the candy.

In it were found poisoned grains of wheat, such as drug stores sell for the eradication of rats.

A few days later Miss Catherine Dills gave a party to the girls of her Sunday school class. During the party a messenger boy delivered a box of candy. Miss Dills supposed that candy had been given her by the girl who had been poisoned.

A little later Jackie Constock, aged 5, found a package of candy lying in his little wagon in the front yard. He ate it and became sick.

Then Mrs. R. P. Noel picked up some beans which had fallen to the ground from a pear tree in her back yard. Shortly after eating them she fell ill and had to call a doctor. Examination proved that the beans had been poisoned. How it was done, and why, no one knows.

Ruth Turner, aged 6, swapped similar trouble only because her mother had warned her not to eat any candy. The little girl found a box of chocolate in the yard of the Tulper home and took it to her mother. The mother had it analyzed and found that it had been poisoned.

In addition, some woman has been distributing poisoned candy in other ways.

Wives have been receiving anonymous telephone calls telling them that their husbands were out with head staggers. There was one such case in a woman's home—until one day a woman received a call while her husband was at home with her.

The police got a number of calls from some woman, who would not give her name, telling them that their husbands were being operated in the neighborhood of certain restaurants. Each time the report proved false.

J. F. CHARLES TAKES LEAD IN MONTANA

Miller And Meyers Displaced in Class B New York-Spokane Race

STINSON, SCHILLER OFF ON NON-STOP

Ballough, Leader of Class A Race, Meets With Accident in Butte, Losing An Hour's Time.

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Charles' time in was 1:29, out 1:24.

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He will be delayed perhaps an hour.

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CONDITIONS IMPROVED ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 21. (AP) (Continued on Page 5)

THE WEATHER

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TODAY'S GAMES AMERICAN LEAGUE K. H. E. Cleveland 6 12 1 Philadelphia 5 12 2 Baltimore, Hudson and Sewell; Quinn, Powers, Johnson and Cochran, Phillies.

NATIONAL LEAGUE K. H. E. Brooklyn 2 5 1 Pittsburgh 4 9 2 St. Louis 2 4 1 St. Paul 3 9 2