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NEARLY 100 PORTLANDERS HERE TODAY

Good Will Excursion Given Warm Welcome by Local Business Men

ATTEND ASSEMBLY IN HIGH SCHOOL

Visitors Very Complimentary of Municipal Projects Following Tour of Inspection.

A perfect October morning and a group of enthusiastic La Grande business men, sincere in their welcome, greeted the Portland chamber of commerce good will train upon its arrival in this city early today.

Accompanying the La Grande men was the municipal band which played several selections at the depot. The Portland Pipe band, dressed in hats and equipped with bagpipes, also played several selections.

At 3 o'clock the Portland men marched through the business section, led by the bagpipes and drums, after which members of the excursion called upon local business men.

At 5:30 o'clock a meeting was held in the high school. The general assembly was attended by business men as well as the visitors and the high school student body.

O. W. Shook, formerly president of the Portland chamber of commerce, and president of Blake, Moffat & Towne, spoke and introduced the telephone quartet, which gave three or four very pleasing selections.

G. E. Goff, vice president of the First National bank of Portland and National of Oregon regent, and H. V. Alward, of the Bank of California, both gave very interesting and earnest talks to the high school students, emphasizing the interest of every business man in the young people.

H. K. Coolidge, president of the local chamber of commerce, spoke preceding the talks by the visitors, extending the greetings of La Grande to the visitors. He reviewed in a forceful way the development of Eastern Oregon and the development of the present place and environment, which he urged as a subject of study to members of the Portland delegation with particular reference to the proposed Snake river route.

EAST OREGON LEGIONNAIRES WILL GATHER

American Legion members and their wives from Baker, Union, La Grande, Enterprise, Wallawa, Imbler and Elgin will gather at Union next Wednesday night at a banquet and social evening for which arrangements have been completed by the La Grande and Baker posts.

"ALL THE BUSINESS I CAN DO"

Once in a while—not very often of course, you find a firm that has a consistent advertiser because they have "about all the business we can do, anyhow." What a wonderful business to have! And what a wonderful opportunity for growth!

Crowd of 1,000 At Second Night Of Days of '49

Annual Carnival of Fun Staged by Elks' Lodge Will Continue Tonight and Tomorrow Evening

With approximately 1,000 persons in attendance, the second night of the annual Days of '49 show given by the Elks lodge for the benefit of the annual Christmas tree for the children and to furnish provisions for the needy, was pronounced a complete success by the committee in charge.

As on the opening night, canning and games began at eight o'clock following a parade from the Elks temple to Zuber hall, and continued until the midnight hour. In addition to the crowd of La Grande people, a few out-of-town visitors were in attendance.

Tonight and Saturday night are expected to be the big evenings of the carnival, with estimates of 1,500 persons or more each night being made. With the attendance for the first two shows 1,500 it is expected that a total attendance of around 5,000 or more will be marked up.

A chest of silverware was presented to Miss Marie Coulter, on behalf of the Days of '49 show, last night, and an electric percolator was given to Matt Ames. Miss Ruth Waldroff assisted Judge Hugh E. Brady in the presentation.

Similar gifts will be made both tonight and tomorrow night. It is announced.

Two Sentenced By Judge Brady For Possession

Jack Harris was arraigned this morning before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice court on a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor. He pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$50 and costs, which he paid.

Harris was arrested last night by G. M. Piers, state officer, when a bottle of moonshine whiskey was found on his person. Oscar Dooley was also arraigned in the justice court this morning on a charge of unlawful possession of liquor. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 60 days in jail by Judge Hugh E. Brady.

File Motion For New Trial After Verdict of \$2000

A motion for new trial has been filed with the county clerk in the case of Minerva Knight against the city of La Grande, which will be argued before Judge J. W. Knowles Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The case ended in the result court Tuesday, the jury finding for the plaintiff in the amount of \$2000. Mrs. Knight was suing the city for \$10,000 for personal injuries.

Presbyterian Club Men Entertained

The Presbyterian Men's club met last evening at the home of C. M. Humphreys, with Dr. Ray F. Murphy as program chairman. Mr. Humphreys presided over the meeting in the absence of the president, Gustav Wissler, and Dr. Murphy gave an interesting talk. Miss Catherine Humphreys gave a reading. After the program Mrs. Humphreys and her daughter served doughnuts and cider.

Community Sing Practice Is Held

The community sing held last evening in the high school auditorium, for the purpose of practicing P. T. A. songs preparatory to the annual convention of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers to be held here next week, was very successful. A large crowd was in attendance, including the presidents and convention delegates of practically every association in this district.

W. W. Nishman, music director in the La Grande schools, led in the singing and much was accomplished during the evening. The sing was sponsored by Miss Inez Russell, chairman of the music committee, and her assistants.

State Deficit Is Up to \$712,489.88

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—The state deficit at the close of business in the treasury's office on Oct. 19 was \$712,489.88, against \$617,922.02 on Oct. 5, it was reported today. The deficit will be wiped out temporarily next month when about \$1,726,000 in state taxes will be received from the counties. The deficit is expected to appear again in April.

ACCEPT DEED TO SITE FOR NEW NORMAL

Board of Regents "Anxious to Begin Work," A. T. Hills Says in Wire

LANDSCAPING AND PLANTING TO BEGIN

Most of Members Consider Preliminary Work Necessary Immediately, A. P. Reports.

That the members of the Oregon Normal school board of regents are eager to begin work on the Eastern Oregon Normal school in La Grande is evident to A. T. Hills, president of the city commission, who with Commissioner Charles E. Phelan, attended a meeting of the regents in Salem yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Hills sent the following wire to The Observer: "Had meeting with board of regents and presented deed. Motion carried to accept. Governor made good talk, recommending beginning of landscaping and planting. Motion carried. All members of the board anxious to begin work. Satisfied all are for us."

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—That the state should meet the people of La Grande half way relative to the establishment of the new normal school at that place, even though it is not financially ready to proceed with the construction of buildings, was the declaration of Governor Patterson yesterday when the normal school regents met to accept a deed to the site from the people of La Grande.

A. T. Hills, one of the commissioners from La Grande, suggested that the state, to show its good faith, could at least break ground or make some move that would indicate progress. The governor then said he would be glad to entertain a motion that the landscaping of the grounds be done and other preparations made for the building when the state is ready to go ahead. This motion was made and carried.

Some of the members thought this should await the building of a driveway, which would be the volition of authority by the people of La Grande, but most of them thought this unnecessary. Bishop Remington will speak in the morning and in the evening there will be an organ recital, given by a group of Pendleton people at the church.

Remington Will Visit La Grande On Next Sunday

The Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, D. D., bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, and Mrs. Remington will be in La Grande Sunday evening in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Remington. Several young people of Baker and Pendleton, who will be here for a combined meeting of the young people of La Grande, Pendleton and Baker, will also be guests at the supper.

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LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Oct. 21 (AP)—Colonel Charles E. Forbes, former director of the United States veterans bureau, serving two years in the federal penitentiary here for conspiracy to defraud the government, told Warden T. E. White he has no money to pay his \$10,000 fine, upon which his release next Thursday is contingent, the warden said today.

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SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Oct. 21 (AP)—Charles Sieber, former Los Angeles city employee, was hanged at the penitentiary today for the murder of his wife, Minnie Sieber, Jan. 7, 1926. Sieber, mounted the gallows after a smiling and he was smiling when the guards pulled the black hood over his face. He made no statement.

La Grande Has No Opposition For Convention

Oregon State Federation of Labor Expected to Meet in This City for 1928 Sessions.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—With many delegates already gone home the Oregon State federation of labor was pushing action this morning on remaining resolutions and committee reports in order to adjourn the annual convention today.

Unless a fight develops on a new referendum plan of election of federation officers, proposed last night by a special committee nomination of officers and selection of next year's meeting place should be reached today. As no invitations were received except from La Grande, that city is expected to be chosen unanimously.

LOCAL MEN RETURN

Everett Rosenbaum, president of the Central Labor council and Max Cullen, vice president, returned here this morning from Corvallis where they were delegates to the Oregon State Federation of Labor convention. The hospitality given by Corvallis and by the Oregon State college left nothing to be asked, they report. Many of the principal addresses of the program were delivered by faculty members while students of the engineering department took the guests in a complete inspection trip of the campus.

Among the chief speakers were James Wilson, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, Senator McNary, the Rev. Youngstown, of Portland, who was with the recent "floating university" tour, Spencer Miller, national secretary of the workman's educational bureau, Mr. Wilson emphasized the importance of the child welfare movement and spoke of the stress which the national convention has always laid upon this.

The cordial spirit with which we were received and the splendid features of the convention won favorable reports from all those who attended," said Mr. Cullen, this morning.

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GEOLOGISTS TESTIFY IN FALL TRIAL

Government Endeavors to Disprove Contention of the Defense

DRAINAGE DANGER FIGURES IN CASE

K. C. Heald Identifies His Report Which Recommended Against Leasing Entire Teapot Dome

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—Through geologists, the government of counsel endeavored today in the District of Columbia supreme court to disprove the contention of the defense that the compelling motive of Albert B. Fall in leasing Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair was the danger of drainage by adjacent oil wells.

George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, testified that in the latter part of October, 1921, six months before the lease was executed by the former secretary of the interior, he sent a competent geologist to Teapot dome who reported that the situation as to possible drainage had been unchanged since the date of the executive order establishing the Wyoming naval oil reserve.

At the outset of the criminal conspiracy trial today, the defense placed before the jury correspondence between Fall and the late Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin concerning the naval reserves.

Dated in 1922, Fall's letter, dated April 12, 1922, three days after the lease was signed and it gave the first information that Teapot dome had passed from government possession. He spoke of what he thought was the danger of drainage and added that "it is not the purpose of the lease to allow the ground above the ground if it cannot be preserved under the ground."

Then the secretary said also that military purposes were involved in the lease and that details could not be made public without the authority of the president but he enclosed a memorandum giving the high spots in the lease signed by Sinclair.

It was after receipt of this letter that Senator La Follette set in motion machinery of the senate, the operation of which resulted in the sensational investigation of 1922-24.

As the correspondences were read and Mr. Smith continued, his testimony, Fall appeared calmer than he did on yesterday when he started attorneys and speculators by suddenly rising from his seat and addressing the court in an effort to have admitted testimony he said was vital to his defense. He was watched closely by spectators who apparently were waiting some other dramatic move on his part.

Baker Hotel Work Will Begin Soon

BAKER, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—E. S. Weeks, of La Grande, who has been conducting negotiations here for the erection of a 1200,000 five-story hotel, announced plans for the work have been completed and construction of the building begun as soon as the site has been secured.

Prince Carol May Return to His Country and Assume Throne, Rumor

PARIS, Oct. 21 (AP)—L'Express, French radical newspaper today says that delegates of the national peasant party of Roumania have negotiated with former Crown Prince Carol for his return to Roumania and his assumption of the throne.

The possibility of Carol's return, however, is not regarded seriously in competent quarters here as the latest reliable advice from Bucharest says that by general consent the Carolist movement is nonexistent in Roumania. The leaders of the peasant party are said to frankly admit that they are not working for the former crown prince's return as such activity is unnecessary since what they term the royal restoration of Premier Baileanu will eventually bring about Carol's return. Therefore the peasant leaders are quoted as declaring they are quite content to let things work themselves out.

British Sweeps Chinese Pirate Lair With Shells

Submarine Wipes Out Den of Group That Preyed on Shipping Along Pacific Coast

HONG KONG, Oct. 21 (AP)—The war against the pirates who prey on shipping along the Chinese coast, has been carried to the pirates' stronghold at Blas bay by a British submarine.

After rescuing the crew of the steamer Irene captured by the pirates the submarine turned her attack on their shore rendezvous. Today flames swept the notorious pirate lair, 40 miles north of here, according to the Chinese Merchant Steam Navigation company, owners of the seized steamer. The company said the submarine had attacked Blas bay setting it afire.

Thrilling scenes were enacted during the rescue of the crew of the Irene by the submarine L-4. On Wednesday the Irene en route from Shanghai to Amoy was attacked by the pirates. Captain Johnsen, her second officer, and the engineer were at breakfast when they appeared. The pirates shot the steward in the chest and overpowered the officers. The passengers were robbed.

After ordering the vessel to slow down, the pirates spent their time in gambling and eating. The Irene entered Blas bay that evening.

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As the submarine drew alongside the crew and passengers started to leap overboard being rescued with great difficulty because of the heavy seas at that time.

ARREST PICKETS IN COAL FIELDS

Colorado Officials Open Fourth Day of Strike by Jailing 60 I. W. W.

WALSHEBURG, Colo., Oct. 21 (AP)—Wholesale arrests of pickets sent out by the I. W. W. opened the fourth day of the strike in the Colorado coal fields. Between 50 and 60 pickets, including 20 women were arrested early this morning and are confined in the district court room here under guard.

Before they were placed under arrest the pickets succeeded in suspending operations at the Cameron mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. At the Idaho mine of the C. I. I. heavily armed mine guards stopped the advance of the pickets and held them until deputy sheriffs arrived and made the arrests.

The arrests followed the adoption of a resolution by the board of county commissioners of Huachuca county pleading unlimited support to sheriff Henry Capps and authorizing him to employ as many special deputy sheriffs as he may need to prevent picketing, protect property and lives. The commissioners were in session all night discussing the situation.

Paralysis Fatal To 101 Persons In California

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 21 (AP)—The infantile paralysis epidemic which has been sweeping California, has afflicted 900 persons and resulted in 101 deaths, the state board of health reported today.

Soviet Russia To Buy Oregon Sheep

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21 (AP)—Purchase in Oregon of ten thousand Rambouillet sheep by commissaires from the United Soviet states of Russia, was announced here late yesterday. The sheep, which will be shipped in about 44 cars Monday and 66 cars about five days later. The shipment will be direct to New York.

Steeplejack Falls 80 Feet, Is Unhurt

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Oct. 21 (AP)—Fred A. Hick, a North Adams steeplejack, decided to take the rest of the day off after he had fallen 80 feet from the top of a steeple at the Russell mill here today. His injuries were slight.

BANDITS MURDER BOY

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 21 (AP)—A Spokane boy whose name had not been learned, was shot and killed by box car bandits and his body thrown from a Great Northern train near Harrington, shortly after midnight last night, and information received here today.

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Walsh Boom for Presidency Is Now Under Way

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 21 (AP)—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, is being lionized for his democratic presidential nomination by a Wisconsin group of Ury democrats.

Mrs. C. Riley, Madison attorney, conferred informally with Senator Walsh and several party leaders yesterday. Later he said a state meeting is planned to outline an organization favoring the Montana senator in every county of the state.

Mr. Riley said the proposed organization is without the approval of Senator Walsh who made no statement while here indicating he would be a candidate.

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MIDDING, Cal., Oct. 21 (AP)—The mercury registered 93 here yesterday. It was 82 at Mount Shasta.

MR. COOLIDGE DESIROUS OF FARM RELIEF

Hopes for the Passage of Some Sort of Legislation to Assist Farmer

VIEWS ON McNARY PLAN UNCHANGED

Opposition Flares Up Within Ranks of Newly Organized Group of Senators to New Move

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—President Coolidge is desirous of the passage of some sort of legislation to assist the farmer in the marketing of his crops. It was said today at the White House, where it was indicated that Mr. Coolidge has not altered his views in opposing the equalization provision of the vetoed McNary-Haugen farm bill.

The position of the president on farm relief, it was said, as well as upon the bill which he vetoed last winter, has been clearly set forth in his various messages to congress and in his veto message.

Until a measure is passed by congress and submitted to him for his approval or disapproval, the president feels that he is in no position to discuss the question. In his opinion, there are so many angles to the agricultural problem that views in advance of reports from individuals who are studying it would be impracticable.

Mr. Coolidge understands that the reports of a committee headed by former Assistant Secretary Haugen of the commerce department, and appointed by the United States chamber of commerce will be submitted soon. This report is expected by the president to be exhaustive and able to throw light on the controversy which has centered around farm relief for several years.

OPPOSITION WITHIN RANKS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP)—Opposition flared up today within the ranks of the newly organized group of western republican senators to the proposal to eliminate the controversial equalization fee provision of the vetoed McNary-Haugen farm bill, on a substitute under consideration.

Senator Nye, of North Dakota, one of the five members of the western bloc, served notice that he was not ready to abandon the equalization fee in an effort to get a substitute farm bill acceptable to all members of the group.

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