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MAKE NOMINATION TONIGHT

EAGLES OPEN
CONVENTION
HERE TODAYScores From All Parts of
Oregon Attend Wel-
coming SessionNATIONAL LODGE
OFFICIAL SPEAKSRemainder of Morning Is
Spent in Appointing
Committees and Hear-
ing Officers' Reports.

Mother Nature and La Grande alike put on their sunniest smiles this morning to extend a hearty welcome to some 50 Eagles, first arrivals for the 14th annual E. O. E. state convention that got off decidedly on the right foot this morning with a rousing welcoming session. More than 200 visitors are expected.

With distinguished grand and state lodge officials, among them E. W. Bigelow, of Seaside, Wash., representing the grand lodge and president, leading prestige to the assembled lodge members and with peppy delegates arriving all day, there was little chance for a dull moment in La Grande, doled up with welcoming windows, cards and bunting. Guy Downes, state president, from Portland is in the presiding chair.

Eagles Hall Decorated

The convention mecca, the Eagles hall, is resplendent in bunting, banners and flags for the occasion. Red, white or blue Eagle caps from the various areas, easily distinguished the visitors, who numbered 43 this morning at nine o'clock when Pendleton, Eugene, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Baker, St. Mary's, Id., Salem, Medford and Washington towns were represented. Salem had a peppy delegation of eight. In the city this morning while large Bend, Baker and Pendleton representations were expected this afternoon.

Joe V. Supp, deputy organizer of Oregon is an important visitor. The state officers attending are Mr. Downes, Leslie Jones, Salem, vice president; G. B. Everett, Bend, chaplain; V. E. Scofield, Eugene, conductor; S. E. Poague, Medford, outside guard; Oscar Newell, Roseburg, inside guard; trustees, August Frizzen, Marshfield and V. Strobel, Pendleton. C. E. Happerwert of La Grande is treasurer.

Bigelow Speaks
The highlight of a busy morning, that included the appointment of committees and reports, was the address of Mr. Bigelow. He is a polished, forceful speaker and gave an inspiring talk.

Fred E. Rosson, president of the entertainment committee, presided at the initial session this morning, extended sincere felicitations to the visitors and expressing a keen desire that they might enjoy their stay here. "Mr. Rosson introduced A. T. Hill, president of the city commission, who said, "We are glad to have you here and we want you to meet our people and see our city of which we are justly proud."

Extends Greetings
"Had they known about it at the time the Garden of Eden would have been in the Grande Ronde valley," he declared, praising the beauties and worth of the section. The commissioner praised the principals and accomplishments of the Eagles order and ended with an invitation to "come again."

The came the address of Mr. Bigelow who responded to Mr. Hill's welcome and extended direct greetings from the grand president and then launched into a discussion of the Eagles order.

The growth of the Eagles lodge in numbers and its splendid financial status has been an amazing epoch in the history of fraternal orders, he told the assembly, attributing reasons for the remarkable growth to the fact that it was the "cleanest, most human organization" in addition to the fact that it offered so many fine benefits. He emphasized the fact that it was a democratic order for Americans with the laws of America imbedded in the order's constitution.

Condenses Poorfarm
Then the speaker turned to a more definite phase of the lodge's work and in doing so strongly condemned the present poor farm system in the nation. "The most damnable institution we have is the county poor farm," he declared. "There are far more arrangements for comfort, entertainment and enjoyment in the penitentiaries than there are for the honest deserving poor farm inmates who many times have gone there through some late disaster," he said.

He told of the origin of Mother's day by act of congress directly through efforts of the Eagles lodge, described the beginning of widows and orphans pensions and

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Elks Flag Day
Program To Be
Staged TonightLa Grande People to As-
semble in Temple to Pay
Tribute to the Stars and
Stripes.

The true importance of the Flag Day program that will be observed tonight at the Elks temple has generally been under-estimated by the community of La Grande. In the opinion of Hugh E. Brady, chairman of this year's event, "It isn't a drawn-out tiresome ceremony. It's a short and lively program, and it merits a community-wide attendance as an expression of tribute to the American flag," he believes.

Musical and dramatic numbers by some of La Grande's finest talent and an address by the Rev. R. C. Lee substitute Mr. Brady's declaration that the program will be extremely interesting. There will be a brief ritualistic ceremony and the program will begin at 8 o'clock, lasting an hour. Mr. Brady will preside.

Lodge members expressed the hope this morning that the audience this year might exceed all previous turnouts and reiterated the announcement that it is a community program.

Willard Peck, popular tenor of Baker who recently moved to La Grande is to sing "The Old Red, White and Blue." Leo J. "Dick" Lindsey is to play a violin selection and Irma Kennedy is to give a reading, Drake's "American Flag." Robert C. Ayers will give the prescribed history of the flag.

Remington and
Austen Speakers
At Rotary Club

The Rev. Perry Austen, of Long Beach, Cal., and the Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, were the chief speakers at the Rotary club luncheon held in the La Grande hotel yesterday at noon. Both made very excellent talks.

T. Hill and J. T. Longfellow related their most embarrassing moment. C. A. Malboen presented the baseball club situation and asked for the help of the Rotary club in meeting the deficit and keeping the team in the race. A committee, consisting of Charles Roehrig, G. C. Griffiths and Ralph Clark, was appointed by the president to discuss the matter with the board of directors immediately following the luncheon. At this meeting no action was taken by the club but several members volunteered to aid in the general solicitation and this was carried on yesterday afternoon.

188 Enroll For
Swimming School
Starting Monday

With 188 registrations already listed at the boy scout offices many community organizations are concentrating on last minute preparations for the first Red Cross swim school in La Grande that begins next Monday morning for two weeks at the Elks club.

The liveliest interest is demonstrated in the coming event and, judging from the registration list that bears the names of children and adults alike, swimmers will represent all ages.

The lifesaving instruction work is to be a feature. John Elliott, Allen will be here from 11 o'clock to take charge for the second week while La Grande swimmers of experience are to handle the first week's program the schedule of which was announced in detail this morning. The second schedule will be announced later.

Officials repeat their invitations to the entire county to take advantage of the opportunity for swimming and lifesaving instruction. Anyone wishing to take part is to register at the boy scout offices in the Policy-Bauy building each in person or by calling 243-J. They also request that swimmers dress at home as dressing space is inadequate.

The schedule follows:
Boys and girls who cannot swim, boys and girls to two o'clock p. m. and girls to three o'clock. Miss Myrtle Hoyt in charge with Clara Perkins, Russell Nelson and E. Russell Scott helping.
Boys and girls who can swim, boys eight to nine o'clock a. m. and girls nine to ten o'clock. R. V. Conroy in charge with Miss Hoyt and Perkins helping.
Lifesavers, for junior or senior awards, 11 to 12, Francis Greulich in charge, Nelson and Virgil Koehnepfer assisting.

Twelve women from 10 to 11 with Warren Gilbert and Myrtle Hoyt in charge. Working people from seven to eight o'clock with Ray Lynch in charge and Scott, Nelson, Perkins and Miss Hoyt helping.

STATE EAGLE
CHIEF HERE

G. R. Downes, of Portland, Ore., president of the Oregon Eagles, is pictured above. Mr. Downes arrived here for this morning's session. The lower picture is of C. E. Happerwert, of the La Grande area, who is state treasurer of the organization.

Remington and
Austen Speakers
At Rotary ClubAUTO ACCIDENT
VICTIM IS DEADLeo Frost, Hurt a Week
Ago Sunday, Succumbs
to Injuries

Leo Frost, young La Grande man who was badly injured in an auto wreck near here a week ago Sunday, died at the Grande Ronde hospital last night about 5 o'clock. Efforts to save his life, which resulted in prolonging death, finally proved of no avail.

Funeral services will be held in Tenbroek, Canada, the home of his parents. The body will be forwarded tomorrow night by Snodgrass & Zimmerman mortuary, accompanied by the decedent's father and sister, who were with him at the time of death. Mr. Frost was 23 years and nine months of age.

The accident happened while he was returning from a squirrel hunt. His rifle was on the running board and it began to slip. He reached for the gun to steady it and the car swerved and plunged into a ditch, crushing and piercing his left lung.

Rainbow Assembly
To Give Program

The Rainbow assembly will give a program at Hot Lake tomorrow evening to which La Grander, particularly the families and friends of the Rainbow girls are invited. An interesting program has been arranged. It follows: Vocal solo, Grace Gebel; dance, Jane Stang; piano solo, Lois Nelson; piano duet, Barbara and Beverly Guse; musical reading, Wilma Hansell; reading, Mary Vaughn Hendrickson; a skit "Dread, Butter and Rumor," the characters being Vivian Hansen, Marie Barker, Margaret, Jacqueline O'Brien, Hagar, Seville Pratt, Mammal, and a chorus "There's a Rainbow in the Clouds for You."

Scout Court Of
Honor Tomorrow

The boy scout court of honor will be held tomorrow night at the county court house when a number of meritorious scouts will be awarded their Eagle scout rank. A board of review took place at the chamber of commerce offices last night.

Prospect Boy Is
Victim of Torpedo

MEDFORD, Ore., June 14 (AP)—Frank Boothby of Prospect, aged 14 years, lies in a local hospital, his right eye mangled and torn and his sight imperiled as the result of the explosion of a toy torpedo last evening. It was the first Fourth of July casualty in the Rogue river valley this year.

PLATFORM IS
PREPARED BY
REPUBLICANSEqualization Fee Not
Mentioned in the Farm
Relief PlankENDORSE PRESENT
ADMINISTRATIONFurther Tax Reduction
Promised—Honesty in
Government Declared
for by G. O. P.

CONVENTION HALL, KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14 (AP)—Upholding the majority of its platform committee, the republican national convention today rejected a minority farm plank based on the principles of the vetoed McNary-Haugen bill. It had been proposed by Earl S. Smith, a lowdown delegate from Illinois.

The vote on rejection of the minority farm plank was 267 yes to 817 no.

The 13 Oregon voters were against the minority plank. After rejecting minority agricultural and prohibition enforcement planks, the republican national convention today approved the party platform as reported by its resolutions committee.

KANSAS CITY, June 14 (AP)—Ignoring any mention of the controversial equalization fee or the McNary-Haugen bill but pledging every assistance in the re-organization of the farmers' marketing machinery, the platform upon which the republican candidate for president will stand in the November elections was presented to the convention today for its approval.

The farm plank, agreed upon after long and tedious hours of labor in the resolutions committee, declares a big problem faces the farmer, but instead of the equalization fee which prompted President Coolidge twice to veto the McNary-Haugen bill, it proposes the enactment of legislation creating a federal farm board clothed with power to set up farmer-owner and controlled stabilization cooperatives or association to prevent and control surpluses through orderly distribution.

Endorses Administration
The platform contains a sweeping endorsement of the administration and congress and pledges to maintain and continue the policies of President Coolidge.

The much-discussed topic of prohibition is disposed of in a law enforcement plank pledging the party and its nominees to the "observance and vigorous enforcement of the Eighteenth amendment."

"The agricultural problem is national in scope," the farm plank declares, "and, as such, is recognized by the republican party which pledges its strength and energy to the solution of the same. "Realizing that many farmers are facing problems more difficult than those which are the portion of many other basic industries, the party is anxious to aid in every way possible."

Planks Promises Aid

The plank promises every assistance in the re-organization of the marketing system on sounder and more economical lines, and, where changes are needed, government financial assistance during the period of transition.

The farm question also is touched upon in the tariff plank, which declares a "protective tariff is as vital to American agriculture as it is to American manufacturing."

"The republican party," it continues "believes that home markets built up under the protective policy, belongs to the American people."

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Local Bonding Ordinance Passed;
City To Purchase More Fire Hose

Several matters were taken up at the regular meeting of the city commission last night, including the passage of an ordinance providing that all contractors bidding for city work must secure their bonds through local agents.

City Manager W. C. Crews was authorized to purchase additional fire hose after he reported that the present supply was inadequate for the combined needs of the fire department and the sewer department.

A petition, signed by several prominent business men, was presented asking that the city give the La Grande baseball club \$200. The commissioners voted to give \$100 from the advertising fund.

The chamber of commerce asked that the city take the responsibility for traffic direction and seating facilities along the streets during the August Home-Coming jubilee. The city agreed to co-op-

SELECTION OF
RUNNING MATE
BIG PROBLEMInformal Agreement Is
Reached Today to Wait
Word from HooverDAWES' STOCK IS
REPORTED WANINGSeveral Mentioned for the
Vice Presidency; Rival-
ry Between Various
Camps Is Intense.By Francis M. Stephenson
(Associated Press Writer)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14 (AP)—Informal agreement was reached among some of the republican convention leaders today to lay aside the vexing vice presidential situation until Herbert Hoover's nomination is effected and he is given an opportunity to indicate his wishes.

Meanwhile the rivalry among the score of candidates was developing some high powered politics today with managers and even candidates rushing about the floor seeking to line up delegations. The stock of Vice President Dawes was declared on the wane by some of the Hoover administration group but no outstanding opponent has been developed.

Several Considered
Once more the discussion returned to Senator Curtis of Kansas, who is holding off word to his friends of his availability until the presidential race in which he is a contestant is settled. Senator Chapman, Kansas, announced there had been a renewal of talk among the middle western bloc for Curtis and that his name would go before the convention unless the republican leaders of the senate blocked it.

Eastern candidates were making a good battle with senators Moses of New Hampshire, and Edge of New Jersey. Representative Tilton of Connecticut and Governor Fuller of Massachusetts, in a merry-free-for-all for unrestricted delegates. Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, was active on the floor for Moses but Tilton's crowd claimed a large number of pledged votes, including some from the west and south.

Dawes Mentioned
Senator Deneen of Illinois, continued to be mentioned but there was the suggestion that unless his delegation could support Hoover it would seriously handicap his chances.

The senator himself was taking no interest in the affair but the news delegation was talking it over and there were indications he would be put forward.

Governor Baker of Missouri, and former Governor Hyde of the same state, also were frequently mentioned.

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General Noble
Virtually Safe,
Reports Assert

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KINGS BAY, Spitzbergen, June 14 (AP)—General Umberto Nobile and the five men of the crew of the Italian-Stranded with him off North-east land believe that they are now virtually safe.

In communications exchanged between the Citta di Milano and the Nobile party Giuseppe Bogli, radio operator for the "stranded" men, said that the group, which has been waiting rescue for almost three weeks, felt that safety was in sight.

No word was received of the fate of the other ten men of the party.

BASEBALL

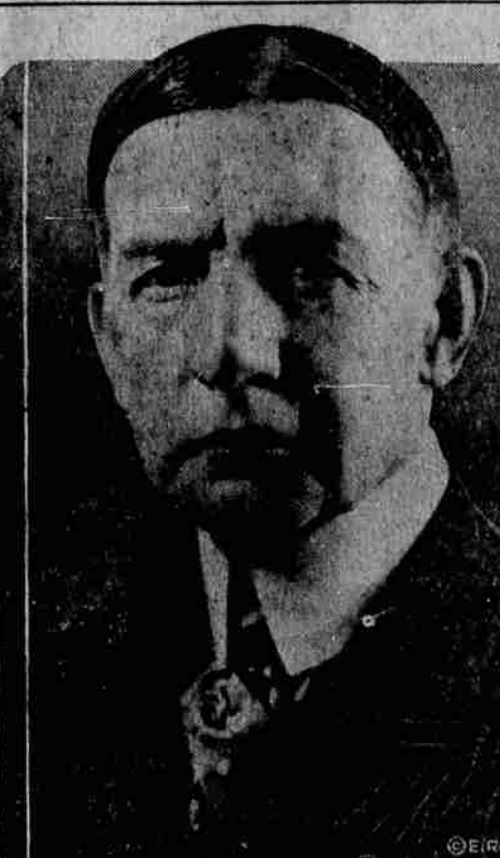
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh 4 10 2
New York 3 12 1
Batteries: Fossell, Milnes and Smith; Hargreaves, Fitzsimmons and Homan.

St. Louis 3 5 0
Boston 2 7 1
Batteries: Haines and Wilson; Genewich and Taylor.

Cincinnati at Philadelphia postponed, rain.

Frank Cleavinger spoke in reference to the proposed ordinance which would provide that transfer men notify the police of removals and arrivals in the city. It was agreed that the transfer men and members of the Retail Credit association meet together and discuss the matter before further action is taken by the commission.

VICE PRESIDENT AGAIN?



Vice President Charles G. Dawes, prominently mentioned as a running mate for Secretary Hoover after teaming with the late President Harding and now with President Coolidge, is pictured above. Reports from Kansas City today indicate that the Dawes vice presidential stock is somewhat on the wane, although leaders expect to wait until Hoover is nominated before making a final choice.

OREGON MAY GIVE
VOTE TO DAWESHall Releases His Dele-
gates from Vice Pres-
idential Pledge

PORTLAND, Ore., June 14 (AP)—John H. Hall, of Portland, who received Oregon's preferential primary vote for the republican nomination for vice president, today released the Oregon delegates from obligation to present his name to the convention and vote for him. He did this in response to a telegram from the Oregon delegation at the convention.

By M. E. Barker
(Associated Press Writer)

CONVENTION HALL, KANSAS CITY, June 14 (AP)—With the possibility in sight that John H. Hall, Oregon's primary preference for vice president, might release the state's delegation from its obligation to cast its first ballot for him, members were looking today for a candidate for second place on the ticket upon whom they can be united.

The candidate mentioned frequently among the delegation, but always with the proviso that he meet approval of Hoover, leaders was Vice President Dawes. Excuse me on the delegation, although sympathetic to the aspirations of Hartford MacNider, seemed inclined to prefer Dawes.

Others suggested as men who might receive favorable consideration of the Oregon delegates include James G. Harbord and Senator Moses of New Hampshire.

Robert Stewart
Acquitted By
Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—Robert W. Stewart, chairman of the board of the Indiana Standard Oil company, was acquitted today by a jury in the District of Columbia supreme court of charges of refusing to answer questions of the senate oil campaign concerning liberty bond profits of the Continental Trading company.

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CONVENTION
EXPECTED TO
PICK HOOVERAdministration Platform
Accepted Today by a
Large MajorityFARM BLOC TAKES
FIGHT TO FLOORSubstitute Plan Finally
Rejected and Republi-
can Plank Adopted
No Change.

TO ISSUE EXTRA
In the event that the republican candidate for president is selected tonight, The Observer will issue a special extra as soon as the nomination is assured.

CONVENTION HALL, KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14 (AP)—The fourth session of the republican national convention ended at 2:40 p. m. today after a session lasting four hours and 45 minutes. At the fifth session at 7:15 p. m., Chairman Moses announced, nominating speeches will be made and a candidate for president nominated.

The administration platform was adopted today by a large majority, and a substitute farm plank was rejected.

By Heyon Price
(Associated Press Writer)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14 (AP)—A farm bloc protest with the ring of a challenge sounded through Convention hall today as the republican party proceeded toward the final ratification of the platform for 1928.

Interrupting a succession of its own speakers, as they gave militant notice that the farm bloc were really aroused for the McNary-Haugen bill the anti-Hoover coalition of delegates centering around Lowndes, of Illinois, started a noisy convention with a tumultuous demonstration in defiance of the convention gavel.

Fort Leads Defense
This plank itself, which promises farm relief, but leaves out all mention of the equalization fee, was defended by a relay of speakers under the captaincy of Representative Fort, of New Jersey, the Hoover floor leader, while the states whose delegates stand behind the McNary-Haugen bill took their turn at the noise appropriation.

Then Senator Borah, of Idaho, went into action in opposition to the minority plank.

COOLIDGE BREAKS SILENCE
KANSAS CITY, June 14 (AP)—President Coolidge has sent word to the Connecticut delegation which has held out for him to the last, asking that it not cast its 17 votes for him and the delegation will adhere to the request.

CONVENTION HALL, KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14 (AP)—Coming together for a farm relief fight, the republican national convention was urged along by its officers today toward completion of a platform and nomination of a presidential candidate by night fall.

Three minutes before the opening hour Senator Moses, permanent chairman, began to speak the table with his big wooden mallet, shouting for the delegates to take their seats. To a casual observer it appeared very doubtful whether a quorum was present, but the chairman was determined.

He presented Rabbi Herman Cohen of Kansas City who pronounced the opening prayer at everybody stood. He prayed that all acts of the convention should be in accord with the purposes of the divine Father.

Remember, Flag Day
Then Senator Moses in a few crisp sentences reminded the convention of the advent of flag day and taking the wiken folds of Old Glory continued:

"We claim no monopoly on the flag but we do recall that the first flag of our party was to make this flag a symbol of a united country."

The band played "The Star Spangled Banner" and the audience stood and sang the words. The chairman recognized Senator Smoot to present the platform. The rules of the house of representatives were in effect, limiting speeches to five minutes each but Senator Moses said he would entertain motions to suspend the rules to permit speakers to have ten minutes and no more.

Smoot got a good hand as he stepped up before the microphones and began to read the platform, but his voice did not carry to every section of the hall and there were shouts of "louder." The platform

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