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THE WEATHER
Orecon: Unsettled with show-
ers tonight and Wednesday, con-
tinued mild, high humidity. Mod-
erate south and southwest winds
on the coast.

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NEW AIRPORT
AT ELGIN IS
DEDICATEDThree - Day Celebration
and Air Circus Starts
with Monday EventsACCIDENT CAUSES
DAMAGE TO PLANEPassengers and Pilot Un-
hurt, However, When
the Machine Overtakes
While Taking Off.Elgin's airport, sponsored by the
American Legion, and conceded to be
one of the finest landing fields
in Eastern Oregon, was officially
dedicated yesterday morning during
the first day of a July 2, 3, 4
celebration and air circus.The events of yesterday, which
attracted a crowd of more than
half a thousand, were marred by an
accident to the Myron Hug airplane,
although fortunately no one
was injured. The plane, however,
was damaged considerably.The plane was taking off from
the field with two passengers when
it overturned. Harvey Conklin was
one passenger and a boy named
Munson, about 15 years of age, was
the other.Robert Ayers Speaks
The dedication ceremony took
place yesterday morning with Robert
C. Ayers, La Grande attorney,
as the chief speaker. Mr. Ayers
delivered a very appropriate and
interesting address.H. H. Weatherpoon, of Elgin,
member of the state legislature and
presently fruit grower, also spoke
during the ceremony.In the afternoon a program of
horse races and bucking was held
at the fair grounds, with a large
attendance. The races were inter-
esting.In the evening a dance attracted
hundreds of couples to Elgin.

Big Day Tomorrow

The celebration is continuing to-
day and tomorrow, the main day,
will be featured by patriotic mu-
sic, an historical and civic parade
and home-coming picnic and a
Fourth of July address by Circuit
Judge J. W. Knowles.The American Legion drum and
bugle corps from La Grande will
play in the morning at Elgin, then
going on to Enterprise and Wal-
lowa lake.

CONVENTION AT ENTERPRISE

The second and concluding day
of the Oregon Cattle and Horse
Raisers' association convention is
being held at Enterprise today in
connection with the Wallowa county
seat's Fourth of July celebration.Governor L. L. Patterson was one
of the speakers today, arriving at
Enterprise yesterday after a short
visit to La Grande.La Grande people will also turn
their eyes toward Baker tomorrow,
where a celebration is being held,
a feature of which will be a base-
ball game between the La Grande
and Baker Blue Mountain league
teams. The game will be of an ex-
hibition nature and will have no
bearing on the league standings.Wallowa lake, Catherine creek
and other places covered for out-
ings will be the mecca of many La
Grande people tomorrow.Business places will be closed and
The Observer will not issue a pa-
per Wednesday.LA GRANDE TO
PLAY IN BAKER
AT 1:30 O'CLOCKWeather permitting, the La
Grande Pirates will play an exhibi-
tion game at Baker tomorrow
afternoon, beginning about 1:30
o'clock in the municipal ball park.
The game will be a part of the
Fourth of July celebration and will
be connected with a rock drilling
contest, both scheduled for the
early afternoon.Manager Roy Farnham expects to
take the same lineup to Baker that
lost an 11-inning contest to Pen-
dleton 4 to 3 here Sunday. Either
Harolson or Ledbetter will pitch.Girl Injured When
Cracker ExplodesA new variety of firecracker ac-
cidents occurred near La Grande
yesterday when ten-year-old Ada
Hreshers, of Afton, sustained a
deep and serious gash in her leg
from glass that was blown to bits
after her younger brother, Ray-
mond, put a lighted firecracker in
a large glass bottle. It is reported.
When the accident occurred at the
farm home of the children's father,
Jay Hreshers, Ada was stand-
ing about 10 feet away. The ex-
ploding firecracker, which her
brother had dropped, broke the
glass with such violence that her
leg was badly cut. She was given
medical treatment and the injury
is expected to heal satisfactorily.
About a year ago the girl was
badly burned on her leg.Fourth of July
Celebrants
Making ReadyAlthough the weather may not be
of the best—the weather man
predicting no so optimistic concern-
ing tomorrow's bit of fare—the usual
and highly interesting Fourth
of July celebrations will be staged
in the La Grande territory tomor-
row.There may not be as great a
quantity of fireworks consumed in
this district as during former years,
although torpedoes, cap pistols andfirecrackers have been sounding
throughout the city for some time.
But the giant crackers, which
used to startle and sometimesscorch victims of pranks or indis-
cretion, are not noticeable.La Grande itself, is apt to be
somewhat like a deserted village.
Most of its citizens are planning
to go somewhere else—Baker,Enterprise, Elgin, Wallowa lake,
Catherine creek and other favorite
places—providing the weather is at
least halfway agreeable.Many of the people of Union and
Wallowa counties will spend a part
of the day listening to orations,
appropriate to Independence day
and delivered by silver-tongued
orators.Amusements will take the form
of fishing, boating, swimming, mo-
toring, picnicking, dancing, etc.
Pine Cone, Cove and Radium
Springs pools are anticipating an
especially heavy patronage.Regardless of where the citizenry
gathers, all remember the true rea-
son for celebration. The Fourth
of July is really the birthday of
this nation. The declaration of in-
dependence was completed and laid
before congress on June 28 and was
accepted and signed by the presi-

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More Rain Falls
Over the Valley;
.16 of Inch HereHay and grain farmers are be-
ginning to smile a little bit more.
Within the last few days, two
rains have given some much-needed
moisture to fields long dry, and
promise of a wheat crop of fair
size is given.Last night a general rain hit the
Grande Ronde valley, in some
places amounting to around a quar-
ter of an inch, according to reports
received here. In this city the of-
ficial measurement was .16 of an
inch. The rain came on the heels
of a brief dust storm last evening.
The skies were overcast this
morning, and uncertain weather is
in prospect.An electrical storm, accompanied
by a heavy rainfall, hit La Grande
during the noon hour.PENDLETON, Ore., July 3 (AP)—
Nineteen hundredths of an inch
of rain fell in the Pendleton vicinity
early last night and was pre-
ceded by a wind and dust storm.
Rain again this morning may re-
tard harvesting operations which
are scheduled to start this week.PORTLAND, Ore., July 3 (AP)—
Unsettled weather tonight and
tomorrow, with occasional light
rain, was forecast today for the
Portland area by Edward L. Wells,
government meteorologist. Little
change in temperature was expect-Cloudburst Rumor
Is Not ConfirmedRumors received in La Grande
today that there was a severe
cloudburst in Wallowa county are
apparently without foundation, ac-
cording to reports from Enterprise,
Joseph, Wallowa and Lostine early
this afternoon.Enterprise reported very little
rain and none knew anything of a
cloudburst.The rumors were widespread in
La Grande, several calling to The
Observer office for information.COOLIDGE TO
AID HOOVER
IN CAMPAIGNPresident Assures Chair-
man Work That He
Will ParticipateINTERIOR CHIEF
RESIGNS POSITIONQuiet, Dignified, Instruc-
tive and Educational
Campaign Planned by
the Republicans.PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 3 (AP)—
Senator Charles Curtis, republican
nominee for vice
president in a statement today
said he would not resign his seat
in the senate in order to make
the run for the vice presidency.He declared it was not neces-
sary for him to do so and called
attention to the fact that the late
President Harding did not re-
sign as senator from Ohio until
the February following his elec-
tion to the presidency.SUPERIOR, Wis., July 3 (AP)—
President Coolidge had definitely
assured Chairman Work of the na-
tional republican committee that
he may be relied upon to partici-
pate to some extent in the forth-
coming political campaign.After a four-hour visit to the
summer white house yesterday,
during which Dr. Work handed to
Mr. Coolidge his resignation as sec-
retary of the interior, the republi-
can chairman announced that the
chief executive's assurance, al-
though definite, did not indicate
how or when he would lend his
aid to the republican party.On his part, Dr. Work added, he had
not ventured to suggest plans to
Mr. Coolidge, being perfectly sat-
isfied that the latter "would do
everything he could.""Dignified Campaign"
Dr. Work will now devote his
entire time to managing Secretary
Hoover's campaign, said that this
would be a "quiet, dignified, in-
structive and educational cam-
paign" in which the republicans
would not descend to personalities.
The keynote of the activities will
be the "perpetuation of prosperity,
efficiency and good government."Chairman Work said the republi-
can nominee will not undertake
any country-wide speaking tour,
but he will deliver some radio ad-
dresses."I don't think Hoover will make
much of a campaign," he said.
"Why should he? He is known to
every voter and will be better
known every day. No man ever
was nominated for the presidency
who had a greater back ground,
more varied experience and wider
contacts. His picture was hung in
every home during the war."

Discussing the results of the

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LA GRANDE ELKS
ON WAY TO MIAMIMr. and Mrs. Hugh Brady
and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd
McLeod Go SouthHugh E. Brady, accompanied by
Mrs. Brady, left on train No. 24
this morning for Miami, Fla., where
he will attend the 51st annual con-
vention of the Elks' lodge as a dele-
gate from the local order of which
he is past exalted ruler. They have
an interesting itinerary, which in-
cludes stops at Salt Lake City, Den-
ver, Philadelphia, Buffalo, New
York, Detroit, Chicago and other
cities.A particularly pleasant part
of their trip will be a visit to Havana,
Cuba. They will join a specially
chartered Union Pacific car bear-
ing convention delegates at Kansas
City.Lloyd McLeod from La Grande,
who is leaving tonight with Mrs.
McLeod on a vacation trip east,
will also attend the Florida con-
vention. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod will
stop in Chicago and will also make
the interesting boat trip to Ha-
vana, Cuba.OAKLAND, Cal., July 3 (AP)—
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