

MAJOR PARTY FARM PLANKS INDEFINITE

Argument Resolves Itself into Determining Surest Way to Relief

HOOVER TO MAKE HIS STAND CLEAR

C. C. Clifton, Iowa Political Writer, Discusses Issue as Affecting Presidential Campaign.

(By C. C. Clifton) (Of Des Moines Register & Tribune)

The principal thing gained by agriculture at both national party conventions was recognition that there is a farm problem. Never before has the farm held such a favorable position before the country at large.

Both the republican and democratic conventions conceded that something must be done to prevent the small world market from depressing the price of the entire domestic market of crops in which there is either a seasonal or constant surplus.

The whole argument now resolves itself into determining what is the surest method of solving the problem. Much breath will be exhausted in argument over whether the republican or democratic farm plank comes nearest to meeting the demands of agriculture. And more will be spent in arguing about the degree of responsibility for the farm existing in the minds of Hoover and Smith.

When many of the western states, which have been strongest for the McNary-Haugen bill either split their votes on the minority farm plank endorsing the bill's equalization fee or voted against it at Kansas City, the bill as an entity began to pass out of the farm relief picture. After rejection of the fee, commonly regarded as the heart of the measure, by the republican convention, part of the farm leaders took their cause to the democratic convention at Houston.

In both places, farm leaders insisted upon a plan of handling crop surpluses which would provide a stable system of financing the undertaking from year to year.

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GLADIOLA IS BIGGER THAN IN ROSE CITY

Every so often, Portland papers herald some particularly fine or unusual bloom. But just as often as Portland produces a bloom dealer, La Grande, apparently, can go one better. Reading in Portland papers yesterday of a fine and huge specimen of a gladiola, Mrs. W. M. Elam, who lives at 1807 Fourth street, looked out into the pretty little garden that she has nurtured so carefully and decided that she had a gladiola much larger than the Portland specimen. In a little cluster of the beautiful flowers, Mrs. Elam stood, this morning while two of her blooms were measured at exactly four feet, coming up nearly to her shoulder. "I don't know how they happened to be so much larger than usual," Mrs. Elam says, but a conversation with her, while she describes her untiring attention to the little garden, convinces one that particular care of the soil and flower and their part in creating the huge bloom.

It is unusually early in the season for these flowers to be blooming. A number of other garden hobbyists in the city said today that gladiolas often grow very tall here—due, they believe, to the sunshine they get.

Solo Feature of Normal Assembly

A vocal solo by Miss Helen Fleck, one of the normal school students, was a feature of this morning's program at the regular Monday assembly at the summer session. E. A. Sayre, member of the faculty, was in charge of today's program, making the announcements and introducing the several numbers. The Rev. F. O. Hess read the scriptures and offered prayer. A clever stunt by group No. 2 was given and was heartily enjoyed. Assembly singing was a part of the program.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—85 above, 2:00 p. m.—86 above.

WEATHER SUNDAY

Maximum 85 above, minimum 55.

Condition: clear in morning, thunder storm in evening with traces of rain.

WEATHER JULY 16, 1928

Maximum 85 above, minimum 48 above.

Condition: Clear.

Mrs. C. W. Bingner Is Third Woman To Swim Wallowa

La Grande Mother Accomplishes Feat Sunday in Two Hours and 55 Minutes Time.

Swimming the frigid four and one-half miles of water from the foot to the head of Wallowa lake, Mrs. C. W. Bingner became the first known La Grande swimmer to conquer the lake, and one of three persons—all women—who have ever done it. In accomplishing the endurance feat Mrs. Bingner establishes herself as one of the best swimmers in Eastern Oregon. She is the first mother to accomplish it. She negotiated the waters, using a side stroke most of the way. In two hours and 55 minutes. Official linings of the other two women swimmers, both Wallowa county girls, are not known here but La Grander who witnessed Mrs. Bingner's swim yesterday said today that from conversation heard at the lake they judged that Mrs. Bingner's swim was at least equal time, if not better, than the other two.

Mrs. Bingner entered the water at 1:30 p. m. at the foot of the lake with Mr. Bingner and Fern Kelly in a row boat coming along beside her the entire distance. At 4:25 p. m. she came out at the head of the lake, showing no visible signs of fatigue, except weakness.

Maintains Steady Pace Those who watched Mrs. Bingner declared that she made a splendid swim, maintaining a steady even pace that was amazing.

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Church Begins Its 65th Year In La Grande

In a splendid house of worship, contrasted to the rude dwelling in which those of the Episcopalian faith began their devotions here, today three score years ago, the La Grande members of the St. Peter's church yesterday observed the 64th anniversary of the founding of the pioneer church in this city.

Back in the early 60s, only a few short years after the first buildings were erected in 1861 in Old Town, the members of the Episcopal church observed their first organized gathering.

Only recently was the beautiful church on the corner of Fourth and O erected, replacing a landmark that had housed the local congregation for more than 50 years.

Old settlers of La Grande, special guests at the morning service yesterday, were just returned from early beginnings here and although there were no elaborate services in observance of the anniversary, sincere remembrance was paid.

In the afternoon the Rev. Oliver Riley, rector of the church, went to Camp Phy where he spoke to the Eastern Oregon boy scouts.

Tells of Convention At the Christian church services yesterday, Rev. R. L. Putnam and other delegates, told of the Christian church convention held in Western Oregon recently. Their talks were very interesting and brought a clear understanding of events in the Oregon gathering to those who could not attend.

The Rev. F. O. Hess, of the Baptist church, and Mrs. C. E. Happersett, who have just returned from the convention in Eugene, will give their report to the congregation Thursday night at the regular prayer meeting. Yesterday, with a large crowd in attendance considering the warm weather, Miss Bertha Hantz played a violin solo and Miss Mildred Hess sang.

Lifesaving Awards Given Out Today

Junior and senior lifesaving awards were given out at the boy scout offices this morning, under the direction of Miss Myrtle Hoyt, who was one of the assistants to John Elliott Allen in the recent Red Cross swim school. The following received junior life saving awards: Vernon Patten, Robert Ramsey, Beverly Guve, Barbara Guve, Peggy Bohlenkamp, Jacqueline O'Brien, Robert Stoddard, Paul Walker, Wilfred Sutt, Rollin Heasler, Phyllis Peterson. Senior life saving awards were given to the following: Dorothy Brownson, Jean Williams, Lois Nelson, Norma Mayer, Betty Myers, Ben Oestelting, Dr. J. L. Ingle, Maurice Welles, Nephi Coumbis.

Izaak Walton Club Will Meet Tonight

The second meeting of the Union County Izaak Walton league, affiliated with the national organization, will be held in the city hall at 7:30 o'clock tonight, according to President C. O. Marchison. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and arrange for charter night, scheduled for Aug. 19. Local interest in the league has been keen and a large attendance is anticipated.

NEW SERVICE INAUGURATED BY OBSERVER

Telegraph Machines Deliver Associated Press Report to La Grande

GREATER VOLUME OF NEWS STORIES

Mechanical Marvels Replace Telegraph Operator—Turn on Switch, "Printer" Does the Rest

"Good Morning," "Regular day report of the Associated Press now starting." These were the first words to arrive in The Observer's office at 7 o'clock this morning, introducing a new and augmented leased wire service which was formally inaugurated in Oregon today.

Instead of the telegraph operator, who has copied Associated Press reports for The Observer since Mar. 1, 1926, when the first leased wire service was installed in La Grande, an automatic telegraph machine called a "printer" now delivers the news report.

The printer, furnished by the Bell company, operates from 7 to 9 o'clock each week day, pounding out copy at the rate of from 30 to 35 words per minute, which averages around 15,000 words a day—an average of more than 100 wire stories, ranging from the few word bulletins to the 300 or more word "lead" stories.

The machine is a complicated apparatus—a combination typewriter-receiver—so synchronized with the sending machines in Portland and Salem that impulses in the two cities are typed automatically in La Grande almost instantaneously. It types out the Associated Press report without any human aid in the receiving office, all that is necessary toward its operation locally being the turning on of a switch at 7 o'clock. Approximately 90 running feet of copy is turned out each eight hours. In other words, a week's Associated Press leased wire reports, received by The Observer office, would be nearly 200 yards in length.

The addition of the automatic (Continued on Page 5)

HUSBANDS, WIVES IN GOLF TOURNAY

Dr. and Mrs. Ray Murphy Win in Two-Ball Four-some Play Sunday

A men's handicap tourney in the morning and a mixed tournament in the afternoon that introduced women to competitive golf events at the La Grande country club made yesterday an unusually busy and pleasant day on the course.

Winners in the husband-and-wife two-ball foursome play of the afternoon were Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Murphy who had the splendid score of 42, with a 19 handicap, netting them 32. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morris were second with 53 and a handicap of 26, giving them a 33, and Mr. and Mrs. John Theisen were third with a 48, and a handicap of 15 which made their net score 34.

Matthews, Murphy Win In the men's matches of the morning in which there were two separate flights H. F. Matthews was winner of the first flight and Dr. R. F. Murphy of the second flight. Mr. Matthews had a 44 with a 1 1/2 handicap, giving him a 32 1/2 score. John Theisen with 43 and a 10 handicap had a 33 and Paul Meyers with a 44 and a 10 handicap.

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Five Score Visitors at Boy Scout Camp on Catherine Creek Sunday

CAMP PHY, Catherine Creek, July 16 (Special)—Sunday was visitors day in Camp Phy, and approximately one hundred persons attended. Some of them were from Baker and some of them from La Grande, Union, Boise and Wallowa. Among the visitors from La Grande were: W. C. Perkins, Mrs. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Walter Jones, Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ashby and Mrs. and Mrs. E. L. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Murphy, From Baker Dr. and Mrs. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Kilven, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Howens, John C. Kuhns, Mrs. Edward Burke, Mrs. Horton and son John. Dr. W. T. Pity took moving pictures of the day's activity in camp. All of the scouts were enthusiastic about the pictures and it is said that this picture when developed will be something that all of the communities will be interested in; some time this fall it will be shown to the various troops and the

FIRE MENACE SWEEPS OVER WEST STATES

Helena, Mont., Suffers a Million-Dollar Loss in Business District

BIGGEST BLAZE FOR 52 YEARS

California Land Is Laid Waste by Brush Fires—Some Blazes Reported Still Out of Control.

WEEKEND FIRES Helena, Mont.—Half block of business section destroyed, loss \$1,000,000. Roseburg, Ore.—First forest fire reported. San Francisco, Cal.—More than 100,000 acres of California land smoking waste today. Some brush fires still raging.

HELENA, Mont., July 16 (AP)—A half block of business houses in the center of Helena's trading district was destroyed and many buildings were damaged in a fire which followed a terrific electric storm today. The flames were under control after a four hour fight with a loss estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

The burned area lies on the west side of Main street from Sixth avenue south except for a power block on the corner of Sixth and Main where the fire was checked. Not since the fire 52 years ago which destroyed most of the town, has Helena suffered such a loss. Three large office buildings went up in flames, the city's largest department store was destroyed, and ten smaller establishments and the equipment of hundreds of offices.

ROSEBURG, July 16 (AP)—The first forest fire of the season on Umpqua national forest occurred Sunday four miles above Tiller, on the South Umpqua river. The fire was caused apparently by a carelessly thrown cigarette butt. Buildings on the Roseburg ranch were endangered, but volunteer fire fighters from Tiller aided forest service crews in fighting the blaze, were managing to keep it confined to less than quarter acre, despite the fact that the fire was in area of logs and dead snags.

CALIFORNIA HARD HIT SAN FRANCISCO, July 16 (AP)—More than 100,000 acres of Cal. (Continued on Page 4)

Pioneer Picnic Will Be July 19

The 38th annual reunion of the Union County Pioneers association will be held at Riverside park, on Thursday, July 19. It is announced. The picnic will be under the auspices of the Sons and Daughters of Union County Pioneers. A. H. Hunter is president and Kate Hanley is secretary.

Speedboat Kills Spokane Swimmer

SPOKANE, Wash., July 16 (AP)—Mrs. Mabel Schweyco, 28, swimmer about 300 feet off shore at Newman lake, near Spokane, was run over by a speed boat Sunday and so badly lashed that she died 20 minutes later. The speed boat, driven by a well-known Spokane automobile dealer, was having as passengers Mrs. Egel and two others, was dashing up the lake and Egel did not see the swimmer until almost upon her. He turned and dashed back to the victim and Mrs. Egel jumped overboard and assisted Mrs. Schweyco to the boat. The victim was immediately taken ashore but it was impossible to stop all the numerous hemorrhages.

The underwriters were offering a premium of \$1 a barrel to persons retrieving the wine.

150 Ford Employees Ill; Suspend Work

ROMEVILLE, Miss., July 16 (AP)—Approximately 150 employees of the Ford Motor company plant here collapsed at their work today as the result of illness believed to have been caused by food eaten at noon. Ambulances and private vehicles took the sick to hospitals. Work was suspended at the plant.

Driver of Death Car Fails To Stop

PENDELTON, Ore., July 16 (AP)—Dick Culpus, of Colville, Wash., an Indian, died here Sunday from injuries received when struck by a hit and run driver on the Old Oregon Trail east of Pendleton. He was badly cut and received internal injuries. An inquest will be held tonight.

HOW RESCUE CAME TO FLIERS



A thrilling chapter in the story of the Italia tragedy is pictured here. Marooned on an arctic ice floe, all hope of rescue abandoned, two officers of Nobile's group kept a month-long vigil beside the frozen body of a companion. Then the plane of the Russian flier Chukhnovsky came out of the fog and circled above them as they waved frantically. Rescue came later when the icebreaker Krassin reached them. Left to right are pictured Finn Malmgren, who died June 15; Captains Filippo Zappi and Adalberto Maritano.

Umatilla Wheat Yield Is Better Than Expected

PENDELTON, Ore., July 16.—Harvest which is general in the lighter land regions is becoming more general in the heavier lands and this week will see it well advanced in Umatilla county.

According to reports received at the J. W. Collins office from farmers, the yield is better than was expected. In the light lands, from 20 to 25 bushels is the average. A number of carloads of new crop wheat have been loaded, the price being \$1.20 for No. 1 wheat.

Some Contracted for Early A considerable amount of wheat was contracted early, and is estimated by Mr. Collins at about half a million bushels. The price was \$1.25 to \$1.35.

In the Athena district, George Sheard brought the first load of wheat of the new crop into Athena Wednesday afternoon, which he delivered at the Preston-Shaffer mill. It was a truck load of bulk grain, and was dumped through the new scales recently installed at the mill to handle bulk loads.

Harvesting grain is under way in the vicinity of Dry creek, west of Milton, and also in the Walla Walla valley.

In the west and southwest portions of Umatilla county, and northwest of Pendleton, harvest has been under way for several days with varying reports as to the yield. Reports from the Juniper country, north of Helix, are to the effect that a good crop of wheat will be harvested there as the result of rainfall at the proper time.

The price for sacks is 14 1/2 cents, which is about the same as last year.

New Liquor Scare; Wine Menaces Ships

HAVER, July 16 (AP)—The lower Seine was closed to navigation until further notice today because of the danger of the ships' propellers from 6000 barrels of wine adrift from the steamer Moshel, Accus. The vessel, coming from Algiers, went aground in the estuary near Montfleur.

The shooting brought a crowd to the Simpson home and efforts to track the slayer with bloodhounds were futile. Greenwald was later arrested on suspicion and his confession paved the way for confessions of the girl and her mother.

REPUBLICAN STATE RETURNS TO KING

War Torn Albania Is Through with Presidents and Popular Rule

By Melvin E. Coleman (Cable Editor, The Associated Press)

"The old order changeth" but in Europe it dies hard and particularly in Albania. That war torn state after less than a decade of alternate revolution and republican government, is preparing to name as king Ahmed Zogu. A royal marriage between him and daughter of King Fuad of Egypt is also contemplated.

Steps to this end were taken a few days ago when elections were held for a new parliament. When this body meets in September it will be asked first to abolish the seven year limit on the term of the president and then confer the kingship on Ahmed Zogu. A royal marriage between him and daughter of King Fuad of Egypt is also contemplated.

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School Girl Kills Step-Dad; Mother, Uncle Aid

BISMARCK, Mo., July 16 (AP)—Ada Higgins, 19-year-old high school graduate, was in county jail at Farmington today after police said she had admitted killing her stepfather, William Elias Simpson, a garage owner and mechanic.

With the girl were her mother, Mrs. William Simpson, and an uncle, Oscar Greenwald, who police said confessed they had loaded and cocked the shotgun with which the girl shot her stepfather.

The girl, who was graduated from high school this spring, said she, her mother and uncle had planned for some time to do away with Simpson "to bring peace into the family."

According to stories of the trio, Greenwald and Mrs. Simpson loaded a shotgun and gave it to the girl. They cocked the weapon because she was unfamiliar with firearms.

Leaving of Man Alive Criticized In Russia Today

Aviator Chukhnovsky and Four Companions Rescued by Ice Breaker Krassin Sunday.

MOSCOW, July 16 (AP)—Statements by companions of Dr. Finn Malmgren, who survived the crash of the dirigible Italia, that he was left alive in a grave of ice caused a storm of criticism in Russia today.

A radiogram to Tass, soviet news agency, from Professor Sandomovich, head of the Russian relief expedition aboard the ice breaker Krassin, said he asked the Swedish scientist's two rescued companions, Captains Maritano and Zappi, for details of Malmgren's death. He was told how they dug a grave for Malmgren and started toward safety as he waved them on, crying: "Go! Go! At the price of my life you'll save all!"

Strong criticism was voiced in the soviet press, not only of the leaving of Malmgren alive, but also of General Umberto Nobile's being rescued first and the conduct of the Italia expedition.

The feeling in certain circles was reflected in a poem by Valdimir Mayakovsky, noted soviet poet, printed in the newspaper Komunisty Pravda, a translation of its closing lines reads: "Now say you who flew how your leaders botched the job? 'We await Nobile's live word: Why have you fled?' 'Where's Malmgren? Has he died or have they left him alive?'"

Their Story Captains Maritano and Zappi and Dr. Malmgren started from the scene of the crash of the Italia across the ice on land on May 30. In their march they suffered untold privation. For days they drifted on floating ice. Zappi was quoted as saying that several miles southwest of Brok island Malmgren was unable to march on. He told his two companions to go ahead and take the provisions. Zappi's account continued: "Before leaving Malmgren asked us to dig a grave in the ice and he lay down. Quietly he stretched out his hand, bidding us 'adieu' and handing up his compass, requesting us to give it to his mother."

"We plodded on slowly. In 34 hours we were only 100 meters from Malmgren. We saw Malmgren raise his head. Hoping that driven by hunger he would go on with us, we waited. Realizing this, Malmgren cried: "Go, go, at the price of my life you'll save all!" "We marched on."

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Idaho Murderer Surrounded In Crater of Moon

POCATELLO, Ida., July 16 (AP)—John Alfred, 45, farmer of Aberdeen, 20 miles east of here, shot and killed his wife and her brother, Joseph Russell, and wounded another brother-in-law last night.

The tragedy, according to the details received here, occurred upon the Alfred ranch, which is three miles from the town.

Following the shooting Alfred made his escape and headed toward the Craters of the Moon, the lava fields and bad lands of the state. Sheriff J. D. Jensen, of Blackfoot, is at the head of one posse and Constable L. Abernethy, of Aberdeen, heads a second posse searching for him.

Had Been Drinking From Aberdeen it was learned that Alfred had been drinking heavily throughout the day and returned to his ranch, where he found his wife and her two brothers, who had been summoned by her.

It was stated that as soon as he entered the house Alfred opened fire upon his wife and her two brothers, who rushed to her aid. When he had emptied his revolver it was said that Mrs. Alfred and her youngest brother were dead and the other brother seriously wounded.

The two Alfred daughters, about 10 and 12 years of age, who were in bed in another part of the house, rushed into the room as their father dashed from the house.

Advice from Aberdeen were to the effect the posse had Alfred surrounded in the lava fields.

HOOVER PAYS VISIT TODAY TO COOLIDGE

Great Welcome Given Republican Nominee at Superior, Wis.

NEED POLICE TO SEPARATE CROWD

Sirens Blowing, Bands Playing as Special Arrives at Station.

SUPERIOR, Wis., July 16 (AP)—Herbert Hoover, republican presidential nominee, met President Coolidge at Cedar Island today for the first time since his nomination by the Kansas City convention.

The nominee went far off the beaten track of his journey to his home at Palo Alto, Cal., to discuss with Mr. Coolidge his resignation as secretary, and his successor and to talk over the presidential situation in general and his acceptance speech in particular.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Coolidge and escorted across the bridge leading to the summer white house, on a small island in the Brule river far up in the Wisconsin hills. They spent a short time on the piazza and then left the island to pose for photographs on an adjoining peninsula. Later Mr. Hoover talked with the newspaper men but said he would have nothing to say about politics and issues until after he had delivered his acceptance speech on August 11.

"The point of major interest is (Continued on Page 4)

ASK CHURCHES TO TAKE HAND IN CAMPAIGN

LOS ANGELES, July 16 (AP)—An appeal to churches to take a hand in the presidential election has been voiced before the 10th quadrennial convention of the World's Sunday School association in session here.

Addressing 8,000 young people at a meeting last night, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor union declared: "The forces of Christianity must marshal to see that defeat is administered to the prohibition nullificationists."

He said he had been a member of a committee representing the churches, which attended both the republican and democratic national conventions. The republican convention at Kansas City, he said, adopted the prohibition plank as written by the church committee and those nominees who would support it but the democratic convention, while adopting a plank that was all that could be desired, selected a nominee that was not satisfactory to the committee.

Indorsement of a resolution encouraging the international congress of youth to be held in 1930 closed the meeting.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

(First game) R. H. E. Chicago 7 12 0 Boston 0 7 0 Batteries: Faber and Crouse; Ruffing and Hofmann. (Second game) R. H. E. Chicago 9 17 1 Boston 1 7 1 Batteries: Blankenship and Crouse; Harris and Berry.

(First game) R. H. E. Cleveland 3 13 0 New York 7 11 1 Batteries: Rayne and L. Sewell; Pipgras and Grabowak. (Second game) R. H. E. Cleveland 2 9 0 New York 6 12 3 Batteries: Hudlin, Harder and Myatt; Johnson and Bengough.

(First game) R. H. E. Detroit 3 8 0 Philadelphia 3 8 1 Batteries: Sorrell and Woodall; Quinn and Cochrane. (Second game) R. H. E. Philadelphia 17 14 0 Philadelphia 6 7 1 Batteries: Wallhand and Hargrave; Egan, Shaw, Bush and Fox.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (First game) R. H. E. New York 2 11 0 Cincinnati 2 6 2 (10 innings) Batteries: Genewich and Hogan; Dopolnie and Hargrave. (Second game) R. H. E. Boston 3 9 2 Pittsburgh 8 13 3 Batteries: Delaney, Cantwell and Taylor; Spohrer; Kremer and Hargrave.