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OREGON—Fair tonight and Wednesday with fog near the coast; warm in east portion. Gentle, variable winds.

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LAGRANDE TO HAVE A GALA CELEBRATION

Labor Day Program to Be One of Largest Ever Held Here

44 ARE ENTERED IN WALKING RACES

Interest Keen in Hiking Contests—Many Novel Entertainments Insure Happy Day for Crowds

One of the most elaborate Labor Day programs ever arranged for La Grande is rapidly being lined up this week in final intensive preparations...

A day that will be literally crisscrossed with excitement, is to begin at 9:15 o'clock in the morning with a boy scout bicycle race and to end at midnight when orchestras in two different dance halls play the final chord of "Home Sweet Home."

Hundreds are expected to come from neighboring communities to join in the busy day. Drawing cards there are in plenty for everyone, whether he be a boy scout or a fat man. In the afternoon there are to be more than 25 different contests and races, similar to those held last year, on the high school athletic field.

Parade at 10:30 The parade is to begin at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and will be one of the highlights of the day. Many floats in the parade, and commercial, fraternal, labor, and various organizations. There will be three divisions, the parade combining with the fraternal, for competition, with first, second and third prizes in each.

Interest in the hiking contests for both men and women is growing. Formerly the entry lists were small. There are now 24 women entered and 20 men, indicating that competition will be close in both. Names of entries are given later in this article.

The entry list for the hiking contests will be closed at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night and the labor contest will end at the same time. At the close of Labor Day there is to be a tug of war between a Caterpillar tractor from Huntington and another from La Grande.

The boy scouts entering in the bicycle race are to meet at 9 o'clock at the post office at 9:15 o'clock. If necessary, this will be run off in heats. The cyclists will ride down Adams avenue east past the fox farm and on Gokeler's lane east to the main highway and then back on Adams. Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Thy are giving a complete boy scout uniform for first prize and Dr. J. L. McPherson is giving a

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I. I. I. WILL BE ORGANIZED DURING PICNIC

Another organization, uniting folk from former states is to be born in La Grande next Sunday when former Iowans, Indians, and Illinois will meet at the Riverside park in a picnic during which they will create the I-I-I. Plans for the picnic were announced several weeks ago and interest in the meeting has been keen. Those in charge are confident that there will be a very large attendance and that it will include families from many communities. Picnic lunches will be put together and coffee will be furnished. If it is cool there will be a fire in the grounds. Everyone who formerly lived in one of the three states is cordially invited to attend. There will be no program but informal coffee and part of the time will be devoted to organization.

CONFERENCE SUCCESS Mrs. Putnam Reports

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County W. C. T. U. Will Elect Officers

The Union County Women's Christian Temperance union will meet Thursday at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church in Union. Annual election of officers will be held and will be followed by a musical program and an address by R. J. Ferguson, pastor of the Central Christian church of La Grande. Everyone interested in the work of the union is cordially invited to attend the meeting. The evening session formerly announced will not be held, says Flora B. Weather, sponsor, president of the organization.

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O. - W. Employees Win Many Honors In Athletic Meet

Local Unit Places Second in Sport Contests Held in Boise, Idaho, This Weekend.

The 200 La Grande employees and officials of the O. W. R. & N. railroad have returned from the annual Union Pacific athletic meet held in Boise this weekend. They returned with many individual and group honors to their credit.

In the first place the O. W. unit came out with second place in the entire meet. The U. P. unit was first with 254 points and the O. W. had 203 points. The Los Angeles and Salt Lake unit was third and the O. W. L. was fourth.

The O. W. baseball nine won the championship, and the O. W. swimmers and divers lead all the other contestants.

Two La Grande girls, who work in the railroad superintendent's office were high point women for the entire meet in the rifle shooting contest. They are Frances Messer and Mary Donovan.

Thomas Wolfe of Wallawa was the high point gun man. The O. W. unit won the first three places in the horseshoe pitching contest.

The O. W. 60-piece band took first place in the big band contest and second place in the smaller band contest.

More than 4500 Union Pacific employees attended the meet which was said to be the biggest and best held in the Pacific. Vice president of the Union Pacific, in charge of operation, attended the contests from Omaha.

J. H. Deane of La Grande, Eastern Oregon A. A. U. commissioner and Ted Leelan were official time keepers. Morris Dunne of Portland was referee and Colonel O'Neill was official judge.

About 124 Pullman coaches and special cars took the U. P. representatives to Boise. The weather was fine the whole time, says Mr. Deane.

PORTLAND MAN TO SPEAK HERE SOON ON PENSION BILL

Dr. D. Hais, Portland attorney and chairman of the state old age pension committee of the Eagles Lodge, will speak at the Eagles hall at 10 o'clock Thursday evening at a meeting to which the public is invited. Mr. Hais is said to be a very interesting speaker and well versed on the subject. The old age pension bill, its benefits, the cost of maintaining it and the business side of the question, all will be taken up. The national old age pension committee and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, is making a determined effort to make the old age pension a national law. It is explained by local lodge members.

This is an important question which should concern every taxpayer, business man, professional man and minister," declared a member of the local old age pension committee today. "Mr. Hais has a message for every man and woman in the community." He added, Frank Stewart, Everett E. Walker and H. T. Edwards comprise the local committee.

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HOOVER STILL IN CONFERENCE ABOUT PLANS

Determining Extent of Personal Participation in Presidential Fight

BELIEVES EAST NEEDS ATTENTION

Advisors Urge Nominee to Speak in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

By James I. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—Continuing conferences with republican campaign managers in the east, Herbert Hoover today was assembling information upon which to base a decision as to the extent he will participate personally in the presidential fight there.

William H. Hill, chairman of the New York state Hoover committee, had an engagement with the republican standard bearer to supplement the advice given him yesterday by Charles D. Miller, national committee chairman of New York, and Daniel E. Pendergast, vice chairman of the New Jersey committee.

Eastern Situation Needs Attention Reports received by Hoover since his return from the west indicate that the eastern situation is one requiring attention and his advisors are urging him to go into New York, Massachusetts and New Jersey at least one speech for each state and more if time can be found so soon.

After he has canvassed the eastern situation, he will be in a position to fairly well map out his campaign up to election time. It is certain that he will take advantage of his swing back to his home in California to care for making a series of addresses. Whether he will take the northern route through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana and Oregon, or the southern route remains to be determined.

May Speak at Albany Before that, Hoover very probably will speak at Albany. (Continued on Page 5)

CITY NEEDS LONGER FIRE LADDERS, SAYS CHIEF MURCHISON

That the efficiency of the La Grande fire department could be increased materially in the suppression of fires is the belief of City Fire Chief Murchison. Had the department been equipped with ladders more than 22 feet long, the present height, more could have been done to successfully extinguish the court house fire last Wednesday, he says. In order to reach the flames it was necessary to break through the second story ceiling to get to the attic. With ladder equipment of greater length, the fire could have been reached from the outside, according to the chief.

A 25-foot ladder such as is now in use in La Grande will barely reach two stories. The most modern extensions are from 45 to 60 feet in length, says Chief Murchison, and will reach four stories. The ladder extension trucks in the local department were purchased several years ago, and three years ago and the other more than 10 years ago.

So far two trucks in use have been adequate to handle all the fires which have occurred in La Grande except for the lack of ladder equipment, said the chief.

The present fire department was organized in 1914. Its equipment at that time consisted of four companies stationed about town. Each company had a hose cart which was pulled by the men.

The present personnel of the department includes eight full time men and 10 call men. Chief Murchison has been with the department for more than ten years and he has been a volunteer fireman since 1899.

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Jealousy Held Reason For The Killing of Four

Sacramento Man Crazed—Kills Four, Wounds Fifth in a Two-Hour Shooting Frenzy.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 25 (AP)—The insane jealousy of a man whose estranged wife was attracted to another man stood today as the motive for the shooting to death of four men and wounding of a fifth here last night. The police told Percy T. Barnes, railroad employe, as the slayer and L. P. Colburn, because Barnes named him as an alleged accomplice.

The men who fell before the pistol of the slayer during a frenzied two-hour period of shooting were Charles E. Curtis, brother-in-law of Barnes; Charles Klein, also a brother-in-law of Barnes; Len Gearheart, a cousin of Barnes by marriage; Clarence Muncy, whom police said intended marrying Barnes' wife following divorce proceedings.

The "Good Samaritan" was M. H. Larkin, president of a Sacramento transportation company. He encountered the slayer on a highway leading out of the city, and was shot when he played the part of the Good Samaritan and took

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DRINKING WATER ON HIGHWAYS IS BEING TESTED

Reports have been made by the state public health service in Portland on the condition of drinking water along the highways in northern Oregon. The state highway department is now sending half pint samples of drinking water from this section. So far the water at Rattlesnake springs near Durkee on the Old Oregon trail and the water in Table Rock springs in the Baker-Cornucopia have both been judged safe for drinking purposes.

Water from 20 different drinking spots along the highways will be examined before the work is finished. Only those places are tested which have been set aside by sign or spring equipment as drinking spots.

LA GRANDE FOLK IN TORNADO ESCAPE INJURY

S. M. Delesage, owner of the La Grande Self-Service store, has almost decided not to let Mrs. Delesage and their four children go back to their home in Wisconsin, which was destroyed by a terrific tornado which a week ago Sunday struck the summer home of her parents on Green Lake in Wisconsin where they are visiting.

The substantially built house was struck by the "whirlwind" says Mrs. Delesage who describes the havoc wrought by the storm as follows:

The boat house roof was torn clean off and a crane lifted up and carried over a 26-foot hedge of trees. Sixteen trees in the yard were cut off and windows smashed. The sleeping porch was wrecked and a hole torn in the roof of the house. The children's beds in the ceiling were blown out and a heavy porch beam crashed through them. The bed clothing was wrapped around the posts and pieces of wood struck into the sides of the house.

Green Lake is the deepest lake in Wisconsin.

Governor of North Dakota Dies Today

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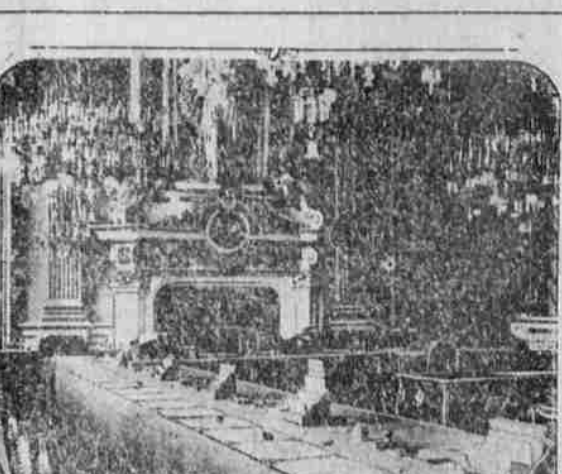
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WHERE THEY OUTLAWED WAR



In the famous black room at the Quai d'Orsay, in Paris, yesterday the multilateral treaty to outlaw war, initiated by Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, was signed with impressive ceremonies. Fifteen nations signed the pledge to settle disputes peacefully. Secretary Kellogg, left, shared with Foreign Minister Briand, right, of France, the honor of inspiring the pact. Both were given stirring ovations in Paris yesterday. The clock room, where the signing took place, is pictured above.

LINDY FISHES IN ROGUE RIVER AND VISITS ROSE CITY

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 25 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, hopped off from the Memphis airport today at 9:25 a. m. in his Ryan monoplane with Thomas J. Eastland of San Francisco as his companion. His destination was Seattle, with a short stop scheduled at Portland.

Colonel Lindbergh said he was flying to Seattle to attend a conference of Building and Trans-Continental Air officials, and to plan a return flight to San Francisco Thursday or Friday, and that his present trip over the north-west was a combined business and pleasure trip.

The Lone Eagle said he was yesterday a guest at the summer home of Non Tucker and Harry H. Best, San Franciscans, at their estate. Among those present were Charles H. Lee, Los Angeles; Henry Reed, Portland; Bernard Ford, San Francisco; Nina Tucker, San Francisco; and Thomas J. Eastland, San Francisco. Lindbergh said a business conference was held in the evening and afternoon and

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AL FIRES FIRST SHOT IN FIGHT FOR PRESIDENCY

Hailed Uproariously in New Jersey, Responds Unexpectedly with Political Speech.

(By Harold Oliver) Associated Press Staff Writer NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (AP)—With a brief speech of thanks to the people of New Jersey who hailed him uproariously during his four day visit there, Governor Smith has fired the first shot in his fight for the presidency since he was formally proclaimed the democratic standard bearer.

While impromptu and not on the issues of the day, the address was delivered amid atmosphere unmistakably political that it was generally accepted as having put the footing up to the Frank Lincoln trenches for the battles to come. Plans for his speaking itinerary were down for discussion at conference here today.

Governor Smith's first speech, made shortly before midnight from a small decorated platform on the city hall steps in Newark, surrounded by a howling torch-bearing crowd that flooded into the streets, surprised nearly everyone on his party, as he had passed the word that he intended to make no open air speeches unless forced to do so.

This evidently was a case where he was forced, for the throngs that greeted him during the late afternoon and night as he made his way by automobile up to New York from Spring Lake, N. J., where he spent the week-end, gave him an ovation as tumultuous as that of last Friday, when he was en route to the big democratic rally at Sea Girt.

With difficulty the nominee allowed his way through the crowd to the steps then, with hat off and his hands on the railing in front of him, he expressed his sorrow at having to leave New Jersey and declared he had never seen a greater display of enthusiasm for a cause than that shown for him in his

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Park Commissioner Shoots Son During Quarrel, Confesses

CHICAGO, Aug. 25 (AP)—Over the wire into the Chicago police station early today came these words: "May God have mercy on me. I have just killed my son. Come here."

Police agents sped to the home of Arthur H. Falk, northwest park commissioner, where they found Falk kneeling in prayer on the floor of a front room. Nearly his wife and daughter wept hysterically.

Upstairs in a bedroom, police found the body of Edward Erik, 22, his head almost severed from the body by a shotgun bullet. A disconnected artery as told by Falk, his wife and daughter was that a dispute arose between the youth and his father which was going to leave the home.

"You'll only leave here dead," was what police say Falk once replied.

The son then dared his father to shoot, according to the story told police by Arthur Falk. A disconnection artery as told by Falk, his wife and daughter was that a dispute arose between the youth and his father which was going to leave the home.

AGREEMENT REACHED IN TRAMMEN DISPUTE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—The U. S. board of mediation announced today that an agreement had been reached by the executive officers of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the railroads of the western territory in the dispute between them fixating rates of pay and certain rules.

Final approval of the agreement is subject to ratification by the associations of general committees of the western territory.

Should approval be denied by the employe associations or general committees of the west territory, the board said, the dispute could continue to exist and would have to be treated in accordance with the law.

AGENTS PETITION HIGHER STANDARDS

SALER, Ore., Aug. 25 (AP)—For the protection of the public, it is said, representatives of the Portland Insurance exchange, the Special Agents Association of Oregon and Washington, and the Oregon Real Estate Agents union, yesterday asked Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, to require a higher qualification for the protection of the public. It is said, the representatives of the Portland Insurance exchange, the Special Agents Association of Oregon and Washington, and the Oregon Real Estate Agents union, yesterday asked Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, to require a higher qualification for the protection of the public. It is said, the representatives of the Portland Insurance exchange, the Special Agents Association of Oregon and Washington, and the Oregon Real Estate Agents union, yesterday asked Clara A. Lee, state insurance commissioner, to require a higher qualification for the protection of the public. 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