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THE WEATHER

OREGON—Fair tonight and Friday; cooler in east portion tonight. Warmer in interior of west portion Friday. Continued low humidity in interior.

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\$100,000 TO BE ASKED FOR COURT HOUSE

County Commissioners
Prepare Certificate of
Necessity Today

SCHOOL BOARD IS IN SESSION NOW

County and District Authorities Discussing
the Question of Converting
Building into School.

At the morning meeting of the county court now in session at the court house a certificate of necessity for increase in the county tax levy for 1929 was made out and is to be signed by County Judge C. G. Couch and the two commissioners, W. A. Stevens and W. R. Ledbetter. The certificate will be filed with the November ballot and will thus put to the vote of the people the settlement of the controversy regarding in Union county as to the advisability of building a new court house to replace the one which was damaged by fire Aug. 21.

The county clerk will be notified of the certificate. In the certificate it is stated that the amount of \$100,000 would have to be added to the tax budget of the county which with \$50,000 more would probably be adequate to build a new court house. The other \$50,000 would be obtained from other sources. Some of it would come from the sale of the present court house site if the new one were to be built in a downtown district.

School Board Meeting
This afternoon the La Grande school board is meeting with the county court to discuss the advisability of using the present court house for a junior high school building. Charles B. Miller, La Grande architect, will be at the meeting to present tentative plans for such a school building.

The certificate of necessity is as follows:
"We, the undersigned, constituting the county court of Union county, sitting at Oregon, hereby certify that in our opinion it is necessary to levy an amount of county taxes for the fiscal year 1929 in excess of \$100,000, but the amount limited by the constitution of Oregon unless specifically authorized by the vote of the people."

"In our opinion the above amount is required for use in the construction of a modern, fireproof and adequate court house building to replace the present court house recently damaged by fire."

Yesterday a petition carrying about 140 signatures was presented to the court, asking that the court submit a proposal for a new court house to the people of the county in the November election.

Repair Work Continuing
Work on the temporary repairs of the old courthouse is continuing. The work is now under way preparatory to the laying of the roof.

The monthly two-day session of the court closes today. Aside from the court house building proceedings, the regular routine work of the county has been attended to during the two-day session.

FIRE DAMAGES M AVE. HOME DURING NIGHT

A home located at the M Avenue was badly damaged by fire at 10:25 o'clock last night. The house and its furnishings, belonging to M. J. Bonhauer, suffered \$400 or \$500 loss. No one was injured in the fire.

The cause of the fire is believed to have started in the coffee shop which is now not been established.

The fire truck was called at 11:15 o'clock. This was the first fire in La Grande for 10 days.

Grouse Limit Is Only Four a Day

The bag limit on grouse in Union and Wallowa counties, the season opening Sept. 16, is four in any one day or night in any week.

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Democrats Will Gather Here On Friday, Sept. 7

Congressional Committee
to Nominate Ex-Governor
Pierce for Short
Term in Congress.

Final arrangements were made at a meeting of the Union county democratic central committee held here last night in the Seawall hotel for the meeting of the democratic congressional committee from the second Oregon district, here on Friday, Sept. 7.

The session last night, which was well attended by democrats from over the county, was presided over by Chris Johnson of North Powder, chairman of the county committee. The secretary is Robert E. Bradford.

Resident making plans for the entertainment of the congressional committee, and other visiting democrats, the committee decided to thoroughly organize the women of the party over the county and district during the campaign preceding the November election.

To Meet in Inn
The congressional meeting is to open at four o'clock in the Seawall Inn Friday with Mr. W. T. Phipps of Hot Lake, Union county, as chairman and district chairmen in charge. Righteous committee will be represented and among the visiting democrats will be W. C. Culbertson, of Portland, state chairman.

The main business will be the selection of a democratic nominee for the short term in congress made.

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Carpenters Of Oregon To Meet Here Tomorrow

The State Council of Carpenters will hold its fourth annual session in La Grande tomorrow and Saturday in the Moose temple. It was announced today by P. H. Allen, of Portland, vice president of the council, who is here today with the members of the executive committee for a pre-convention meeting.

The carpenters' session is held each year in the city selected for the state labor convention and usually most of the delegates remain over for the labor sessions.

The business meeting of the council will begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and will not end until Saturday afternoon. Election of officers may take place the second day. No evening meetings have been planned.

Mr. Allen reports that about 25 delegates are set to arrive from all parts of the state. In addition to this there will be many local people who will attend.

The officers following are: Everett Legon, Eugene, president; David Buff, Portland, vice president; David Buff, Portland, secretary-treasurer. The executive committee consists of: Mr. Allen, Portland; Mr. W. H. Kammeyer, Corvallis; district three; R. T. Whitney, Klamath Falls; district five; G. H. Baker, Bend; district six; and Alex Manning, Pendleton, district seven.

District Held Up Due To Lateness Of The Season

The proposed block of paying on North street, to hold building already in with the building Oregon National school, was halted by the city commission last night but is to be taken up later. It is understood that an intersection is to be provided for later. It is said that the reason for the delay was that there could not be time to get the work done this year.

Several other matters were attended to before adjournment. The meeting was of 29 minutes' duration. Tom Moore protested to the commission regarding the establishment of a "you-are-grate" for a sidewalk in front of his property and commissioners agreed to visit the place and make an inspection.

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NEW BUSINESS BUILDING TO OPEN SEPT. 8

Four Stores Occupy Modern
Structure on Adams
Ave. and Fir Street

TWO NEW FIRMS IN GRACE BUILDING

Special 8-Page Section of
The Observer Today Is
Devoted to Structure
and Tenants.

The new Grace building, a modern, one-story business structure on the corner of Adams Avenue and Fir Street, will be formally opened to the public on Saturday, Sept. 8, at which time two new stores will come into being and two more will be operating in new locations.

The building, designed so that an additional story may be added later, has four store rooms, which are occupied by Thrift grocers, the Grace harness shop, Moon Drugs and a new store, the Stevens Van and Implement company. All four are to open their business on Saturday, although the harness shop is already doing business in its new location.

The structure is 150 feet on Adams Avenue and 50 feet on Fir Street and the room occupied by the Thrift Grocers goes back to the alley, a distance of about 114 feet.

Attractive Building
The structure is finished in red face brick and trimmed with pressed stone with the bases and the entrances. The general contractor was W. Vedder and Charles B. Miller was architect.

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\$194,000 Spent By E. O. L. P. Co. During Season

Power and Development
Program Totalling \$260-
000 Is Nearing Completion,
Lottbridge Says.

Construction expenditures totaling approximately \$194,000 have already been made by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company and its construction company, the Eastern Oregon Development company, this year on its program of approximately \$260,000 according to J. P. Lottbridge, vice president and general manager of the company. When this year's work is complete, well over half a million dollars will have been expended in new construction in the two-year program since the development company was organized.

Principal items of construction by the development company this year consist of 18 miles of transmission line between Union and La Grande, completing the 55,000-volt transmission line to the town of La Grande and the Idaho Power company, at Durkee, a 66,000-volt substation at La Grande and a new line between the 66,000-volt station at Baker and the South Baker steam plant. Other work to be done this year by the development company will be a change in the electric distribution in the La Grande system and the construction of the line to the Oregon Copper company property, approximately 20 miles northeast of Baker.

Improvements and additions to the four hydro-electric plants and one steam plant of the company have been very few this year, and the principal item in the power company's construction budget has been that of new extensions and improvements to approximately 125,000 volts. This money covers such items as the distribution line to Pleasant valley from Baker, and service for the government beacon lights, new extensions in the town served by the company and service for approximately 10 farms.

Improvements and reconstruction of distribution lines total more than \$8,000,000, and other smaller items approximately \$2,000,000. Additional construction money has been received this year for general investments, such as completion of the La Grande office and equipment for improvements to the private telephone system, metering equipment and instruments and tools.

Approximately \$100,000 has been spent by the Gas system in Baker for new extensions.

The construction crews of the

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**Two Stolen Cars
Are Recovered**

Two cars were stolen in La Grande during the last 14 hours and both have been recovered, one abandoned on Fourth street and the other found in Pendleton, also recovered.

E. L. Shepherd's sedan was taken from his garage at 10 o'clock Tuesday night and was found by Lamothia county officers last night. Bill Andrews' car was stolen last night and later found on Fourth street. Neighbors reported that three persons were in the car which stopped and that the car was unable to start the machine again, finally leaving it.

A second fire, on the hill in timber near Mill canyon just west of La Grande, is being fought today. It is feared that this fire will be controlled before serious damage is done.

SIX PERSONS KILLED
A ROCKFORD, Ill., Sept. 6 (AP)—Six persons were believed to have been killed today when a Stinson biplane, owned by the Rockford Electric Co. of Warren, O., plunged into Rock river, a mile north of here.

Arrangement of the program for the meeting of the republican appoint committees for the second Oregon district, to be held here Monday, Sept. 10, was completed tonight and announced today by J. H. Pearce, chairman of the Union county central committee.

The session, which has been called to nominate a republican candidate for the short term in congress, will be held at the La Grande hotel, beginning with a preliminary meeting at 10:30 o'clock in the morning when the delegates will be called to order and registration appointed.

Banquet in Evening
Dinner will be served at 7:30 o'clock, the committee will meet to complete the business. At 10 o'clock a banquet will be held around the valley and at 11:30 o'clock in the evening a banquet will be held in the Seawall hotel.

The public is cordially invited to attend the sessions as far as accommodations will permit.

In addition committees for the

session have been announced and members are urged to communicate with their chairman immediately.

The preliminary business arrangement is as follows: J. H. Pearce, chairman; R. J. Green, J. M. Humphreys, Fred E. Kilduff, George H. Carey, Mr. Harold Pogue.

Reception and entertainment: Paul E. Kilduff, chairman; J. H. Pearce, J. M. Humphreys, J. R. Hark, C. Williams, E. R. Langston, Ralph Barker, L. A. Wright, J. H. Barker, C. E. Haysworth and J. H. Barker.

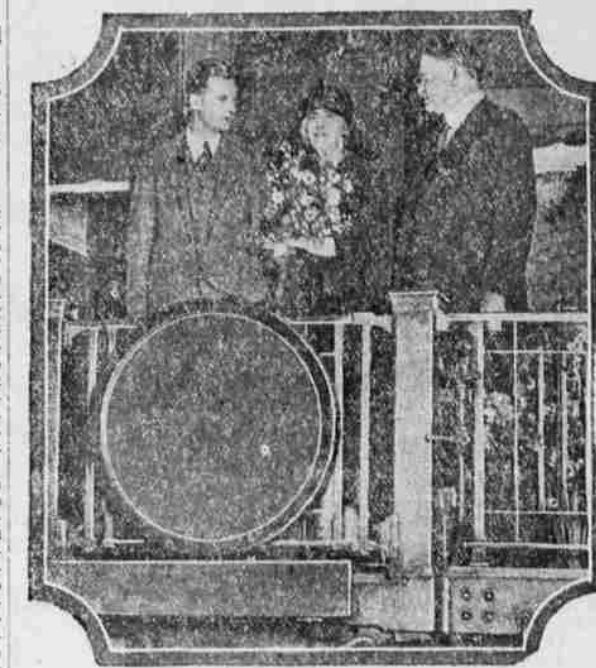
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THE HOOVER FAMILY



Mrs. Hoover shares the acclaim which has greeted her distinguished husband as their train travels across the country. She is shown here with one of the vast number of bouquets presented by admirers. Alton, her youngest son, is on her right and Mr. Hoover on the left.

Legion Leaders Nominated; Will Elect On Oct. 3

At the meeting last night of La Grande Post American Legion nominations were made for officers for the coming year. Election and installation of the officers will take place Wednesday, Oct. 3.

Those nominated were: J. N. Talbot, Postmaster; Ralph Barker, vice commander; Oliver Blythe, adjutant; Henry McLaughlin, finance officer; and Walter Bess, chaplain.

At the October meeting a board of directors will also be elected.

The members of the legion last night discussed the advisability of having a swimming pool in La Grande for the coming year. The pool would be a valuable addition to the community and would be a great asset to the city.

Other routine business was a part of the meeting's program.

European Dispute In Critical Stage

GENEVA, Sept. 6 (AP)—M. Wladimir, prime minister of Lithuania, today confirmed reports that the Polish-Lithuanian dispute over Vilna had reached a critical stage following the failure of private conversations to arrange a settlement.

He told a group in the lobby of the assembly hall that nothing had been accomplished thus far toward satisfying Lithuanian claims and national aspirations.

All attempts by private negotiation to reach a settlement between the two countries, he stated, had failed in hopeless failure.

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AGED MAN SHOT AT PILOT ROCK

Business Men Kill Carnes
as He Leaves Carnes
Mercantile Co.

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Light Rains In Oregon Fail To Benefit Crops

Livestock in Fair Condition
and Threshing of
Grain Is Progressing
Rapidly in State.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 6 (AP)—The few light scattering rains that occurred in Oregon for the week ending Sept. 4, were generally too light to benefit crops or to fit the soil for plowing, the weather summary of the United States department of agriculture, issued today, said.

Best of agriculture was low during the week, resulting in an acute fire hazard. While warm days prevailed, there were several cool nights during which the temperature fell nearly to freezing in some elevated districts.

Crop Outlook
The government crop outlook follows:

Cereals: Harvest and threshing made good progress in those sections where this work had not already been completed. Corn is maturing rapidly. The soil is too dry for plowing and seeding.

Fruits: Blackberries in the coast counties are ripening. Picking of peaches and apples is well under way and late peaches and early apples are being gathered. Trains are moving rapidly in eastern counties.

Meadows, pastures, and range: