

# Local News In Brief

**From the Congress—**  
"It was the best conference we have had in years," then Laper, state water superintendent, said this morning as he passed through La Grande after going to Vale for the annual meeting of the Oregon Reclamation congress. "It is the first organization that has considered the suggestions in President Hoover's letter to the conference of governors at Salt Lake City, August 27. I feel that as President Hoover is a man from the west and who is intensely interested in the western development, that we should consider his letter from that standpoint. His suggestions are that the state take over and administer the federal lands. It seems to me to be a step toward giving us local control and less bureaucratic control of the federal government. The government will still finance large reclamation projects," Mr. Laper concluded. Marshall Dunn of the Oregon Journal and Superintendent Meyers of the Oregon state penitentiary, at Salem, accompanied Mr. Laper on his recent trip. W. D. Ide, of the state chamber of commerce, also attended the meeting.

**Returns from Trip—**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Inlow returned to La Grande last evening from a business trip to Portland. Mr. Inlow is president of the Eastern Oregon normal school. Driving along the highway between Hood River and Cascade Locks, the smoke was so thick, Mr. Inlow says, that it was pitch dark. This was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and required the turning on of the headlights in order to see the road. Everything was illuminated with a dull red glow, he said, making the trip one of the most unique in his experience. Cinders and ashes were falling like snow.

**Woman Hurt—**  
Mrs. A. C. Yates, of La Grande, suffered a broken collar, a scalp wound and bruises in an automobile accident near Hot Lake Tuesday evening, when driven by R. C. Tuckey and C. J. Scriber collided. The report, which was made out yesterday, states that the lights on Mr. Scriber's truck went out and that he stopped by the side of the road, the other car colliding with his machine because of poor visibility.

**To Seattle—**  
Miss Dorothy Brown left yesterday morning on her way to Seattle where she will begin her second year in attendance at the University of Washington. Miss Brown is a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. While in high school she was especially active in musical affairs. She will also stop a few days in Portland.

**Returns Home—**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Adskin returned last night from Portland where they have been since the first of the month on a business trip. While there they also visited friends. Mrs. Adskin is resuming her work at Dr. Ray Murphy's office.

**Meeting—**  
At 7:30 tonight in the chamber of commerce the presidents of the service clubs of La Grande will meet for the purpose of organizing affecting an organization to carry on a drive to provide funds for the boy scouts. Charlie Blingner is in charge of the meeting.

**At the hotels—**  
The following were registered at local hotels: R. H. Jones, of Boise, Chet Hubbard, and Hattie Kewin from Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lumbert, from Hastings, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vase, of Long Beach, Cal.

**Leave for Corvallis—**  
Lawrence Grey and Donald Grey left yesterday by car for Corvallis, where Donald will enter Oregon State college. Lawrence will visit in Woodburn and Portland before returning to his home in La Grande.

**Trip to New York—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gump and Mr. Gavin left Monday on their way to New York, where they will visit relatives. They went by way of the Canadian Rockies and Niagara falls. They will be gone about six weeks.

**Injured at Grants Pass—**  
H. E. Brown, formerly of La Grande, was hurt in an accident at Grants Pass, according to a telegram received by relatives here today. It is reported that the injuries are not dangerous.

**To Eugene—**  
Edwin Kirby and John Allen drove to Eugene this morning where Edwin will attend the University of Oregon this winter. Mr. Allen will return in about a week.

**Correction—**  
In an advertisement in yesterday's Observer, it was stated that "Father and Son" at the Arcade was an "all talkie." This should have read a talking picture, as all of the picture is not talkie.

**Places Grand Jury—**  
William Bryant, of Medical Springs, was bound over to the grand jury Tuesday in a hearing at the justice court on a charge of non-support for a minor child. His bond was fixed at \$250.

**Fishing—**  
Clark Denny and Charle Catching were fishing recently on the lower Grande Ronde. They report a very favorable time in their several days trip.

**On Business—**  
Miss Adelaide Mullen, manager of Pak's millinery department, made a recent business trip to Portland.

**At Hot Lake—**  
Mrs. J. J. McGowan has been in the Hot Lake hospital since the ninth of September, where she underwent a major operation.

**Recovering Niece—**  
Mrs. W. T. Short, who has been in the Grande Ronde hospital for about ten days, returned to her home Tuesday, where she is recovering rapidly.

**Visiting—**  
Leland Kiddle, of Wallawa, has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Merton Kiddle for about a week. His visit will probably last about two weeks.

**Postsession Charge—**  
Mike Nelson is in the city jail today on a charge of possession of liquor. He was arrested last night in a P.R. street raid by the police.

**Called Here—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Hanson, of McMinnville and Seattle, were called to La Grande because of her mother's illness. They will make an indefinite stay here.

**Passes Through—**  
C. W. Johnson passed through La Grande on his way to Arlington, yesterday morning.

**Tonsil Operation—**  
Miss Vivian Kuhn, daughter of H. E. Kuhn, underwent a tonsil operation.

**Governor Here—**  
Governor Baldridge, of Idaho, passed through La Grande today.

**Drive to Lake—**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Hanson drove to Wallawa Lake recently to spend a few days.

**Here for the Day—**  
Mrs. James Wilson Jr. was in La Grande recently from North Powder.

**Returns to La Grande—**  
F. E. Appleby returned this week from a business trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

**To Pendleton—**  
Mrs. G. N. Tarkington went to Pendleton recently on business.

**LA GRANDE HIGH TO PLAY NAMPA**  
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The Gem Sisters have almost their entire 1928 squad back in uniform, with speed, ball and tricks galore to strut over the yard lines. This is the first time the Tigers have been scheduled to play an Idaho team here since the Armistice day in 1925 when Howard "Hull" Kerr raced some 50 yards over a slippery gridiron to give La Grande a 6-7 score with the Boise eleven. Reports from Idaho indicate that Nampa will have a stronger team this year than the capital city. The La Grande squad will have had five weeks of practice and one actual contest under their belts before tussling with the Nampa bunch and local fans expect to see a contest that will rival any Eastern Oregon this season.

## Old Mortgage Is Satisfied After 57-Year Period

The recent recording in the Union county mortgage records of a satisfaction of mortgage issued by the state land board, brings to light an interesting circumstance involving an old mortgage. The satisfaction is signed by Governor L. L. Patterson and G. G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

In March, 1872, J. M. Martin purchased from the state of Oregon 320 acres of land near Albee, which included the J. W. Lytle and adjoining farms, and seemingly in payment of a part of the purchase price, gave a mortgage back to the state government. To E. S. McComas, as registrar of state lands for the La Grande district, and secured the payment of two notes of \$123.33 each. Recently it was discovered that the mortgage had never been satisfied on the records.

The land in question, with adjoining land, was secured from the United States government through a list of land selected by the state of Oregon under an act of Congress dated Sept. 4, 1841, called the pre-emption act, which authorized the proceeds of certain sales of government land to be paid to the states, and also authorized the state of Oregon to select certain lands in the place of other lands the state was entitled to but had lost.

The business of looking after the selected lands of the state of Oregon in Union county assumed such proportions that Mr. McComas for many years looked after the state's interests on the ground. When mortgages were paid, Mr. McComas usually made an entry on the original books in the recorder's office at the county seat. The Martin mortgage was not satisfied by him, and presumably was paid to the state after he retired from office. Even though the mortgage is outlawed, the owners of the land have secured and recorded a cancellation of the mortgage.

An interesting fact about Mr. McComas is that a large and valuable safe in which he kept the state records is now in the sheriff's office at La Grande, bearing an inscription of his name and office. How many years Union county has been in possession of the safe no one connected with the court house at the present time seems to know.

## MARINES TO MARCH BACK TO QUANTICO

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naked up for our absence." With the mayor at his side, General Butler called out his entire command to explain the situation. "You birds," he said, planting one foot atop the nearest barracks porch railing, "took an oath some time ago to defend the constitution. Don't let this news stun you, but the prohibition law is part of it."

His cry did not over to the highly recommended hand-balled article. He gave it a push and then the elbow of his right arm came to rest on his knee.

"I understand," he went on, "that there is some difference of opinion among civilians concerning the right and wrong of prohibition. Some of it got into camp, but those on the negative side are in the brig. It's a closed question for the military, and as long as you wear those uniforms, don't get opinionated."

Quantico got too rough for the general when he found one of his highest ranking non-commissioned officers tending bar for the town's biggest bootlegger. There are stories of liquor found in the quarters of two commissioned officers and "too much whoopee" has been ascribed as the indirect cause of five accidental deaths among the enlisted men in the last month.

Town Sergeant Nison, Quantico's entire civil police force, has found himself confronted with a

more than ordinarily troublesome and thankless job, what with trying to make the town safe for marines and others. Nothing but empty bottles has rewarded his search for days, he mourned, cracking another peanut as he sat in the rear of the town pool hall and followed intently the plays in the only surviving card game.

## MEAGER MIST CHECKS FIRE IN FORESTS

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tional forests and on private land placed the figure at "not less than 200,000 acres." Some said the figure probably would be much higher when the final accounting is made.

**COUGARS FOLLOW MAN**  
NANAIMO, B. C., Sept. 19 (AP)—Pierre Olsen told today of an experience which indicated that the fire fear instinct quelled the antipathy to humans in the savage breasts of three cougars in the Alberni district and caused them to put their faith in man to lead them to safety.

Olsen related how the beasts took up his trail about three miles this side of Alberni and followed him through raging brush fires for a mile and a half along the highway. He kept a handkerchief over his mouth and nose. Apart from occasional grunts which did nothing towards Olsen's peace of mind, the cougars showed no signs of attacking him.

When the end of the burning stretch was reached the animals

still followed the man for six and a half miles until he reached Dog Creek camp, where a gang of rosinmen reside, and the cougars took off.

Olsen said he was terrified every minute of the hike. He carried an umbrella and tried to wave the beasts away. They showed no signs of fright but determinedly pursued his trail, apparently in faith that he would lead them out of danger.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—President Hoover today issued a proclamation recommending the observance of the week of October 8 as Fire Prevention week.

"It has been the custom for the president of the United States to request the observance of Fire Prevention week throughout the nation and to assign the week in which the anniversary of the great Chicago fire occurs for such observance," the proclamation said.

Columbia University is making records of all American dialects. Something ought to be done about translating the utterances of train conductors.

By any stretch of the imagination could these regular visits of Harry Lander to America be called close calls.

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**INJURED GIRL CONVICTED**  
OAKLAND, Sept. 19 (AP)—With her broken back encased in a plaster cast, Lorraine Gordon, 15, heard a superior court jury convict her and Allen C. Herbert, her companion, of first degree robbery. The girl received her injuries in an automobile crash that ended a dash from an Oakland bank which they had robbed of \$620.

**REPUBLICANS IN POW-WOW OVER TARIFF**  
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or lower duties by 50 per cent upon a report by the tariff commission, and it has aroused strong opposition on constitutional and other grounds.

The main concern of the leaders, apparently, is to get speedy action. They want the bill out of the way before the regular session opens in December. They want it out of the way of discussion before the biennial primaries open next spring.

Hatechapters and other aspects of the tariff bill were not taken up at the conference, the first to be held by the majority party to ascertain the attitude of its members toward procedure.

The Republicans are anxious to dispose of the bill before the regular session. If sufficient progress is not made under the new arrangement night sessions may be ordered.

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