

CENSUS HERE IS NEAR END; NO ESTIMATE

Two Enumerators Have Reported; Rough Figures Available Shortly.

BIG GROWTH IN CITY IS EXPECTED

1910 Census Showed City With Population of 4,843 — Figure for 1920 Was 6,913.

With two enumerators from the five districts in La Grande already reported, and the others expected to report shortly, a telephone interview with Raymond O. Williams, assistant census supervisor with headquarters in Pendleton, resulted in information today that a rough estimate of La Grande's population may be available tomorrow or the day after.

Mr. Williams, on the basis of the count as completed at present, stated that he was in no position to make any estimate today.

No Estimates Available

Although no estimates were received from census officials, local people are expecting the count to give La Grande between 8,500 and 9,500 persons within the corporate limits of the city. Also, they expect to find approximately 1,500 persons actually in the city but technically outside of the city limits.

It is believed that La Grande's actual population, not restricted by the small city limits, but on the city in general, is somewhere in the vicinity of 10,000 or more. Whether this is correct will be learned when final figures are received after the census is completed and checked.

In Baker, yesterday B. S. Crall, census supervisor for the Baker district, admitted that on the basis of complete unofficial returns that "it will hurry us to show 8,000." In 1920 the Baker population was 7,722. If Baker shows little or no gain Baker county is almost sure to record a loss in the 10-year period, the Baker Democrat-Herald said yesterday. In 1920 the Baker county total was 17,529.

La Grande May Lead

The census for Oregon, when completed, will show a new ranking of the smaller cities, and La Grande people are expecting to be first in this section of the state—not counting Klamath Falls and Bend, which are actually in Central Oregon as it is generally used.

The 1920 census and the 1910 census found population figures for Oregon cities as follows:

City	1910	1920
Albany	8,559	11,027
Baker	7,722	7,722
Bend	5,566	5,415
Corvallis	4,552	5,752
Eugene	9,009	10,539
La Grande	4,843	6,913
Medford	8,849	9,756
Oregon City	4,287	5,636
Pendleton	4,160	7,257
Portland	267,214	258,288
Salem	14,094	17,672
The Dalles	4,886	5,307

Among the cities expected to show the greatest growth are Klamath Falls and Burns, both of which have changed from cow towns to lumbering centers.

Whether Oregon will have reached the 1,000,000 mark is another question eagerly debated.

The census was scheduled to be completed here yesterday but a few days are allowed for final checking, etc.

MOUNTAINEERS PLAY INDIANS AT PENDLETON

The Eastern Oregon Normal school baseball team, which is scheduled to go to Caldwell, Idaho, to meet the College of Idaho nine next Thursday, has scheduled another practice game. This contest will be played at Pendleton tomorrow with the St. Andrews Indians, a team that defeated the Mission Indians who were noised out 4 to 2 here last Saturday by the Mountaineers.

Deley, who has been kept out of the box due to an injured finger, is expected to be in shape to assist McGilly in the series next week. If possible, Coach Rob Quinn expects to play games Friday and Saturday while on the trip, either with town teams or with the College of Idaho.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m. 51 above.
Minimum: 40 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 65, Minimum 51 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER APRIL 17, 1929
Maximum 55, minimum 21 above.
Condition: Clear.

Presbytery Ends Spring Meeting Late Yesterday

The Rev. J. George Walz Elected Bishop Commissioner to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Grande Ronde continued its session Wednesday morning and afternoon, with the Rev. H. B. Thomas, moderator, presiding. After the devotionals by the Rev. L. B. Williams, committee made reports. The Rev. J. George Walz, chairman of the committee on national missions read his report, asking, during the hour, men who are manning home mission churches in the Presbytery, to tell of their experiences. The Rev. M. Harris of Burns, Mr. Thomas of Halfway, Mr. Cook of Wallawa, Mr. Williams of Elgin, responded, also Mr. Shields of Knappa, who for many years has worked in the foreign field and also serving mission stations in Oregon.

Dr. D. A. Thompson of Portland, syndical executive, was called to give information about the Synod's program for the state, and this Presbytery in particular. In the report the grants from the board of national missions to the mission churches, amounting to about \$5,000.00, were presented and acted upon. Other committees, program and field activities, foreign missions, Christian education and pensions, reported through their chairmen.

Mr. Walz was elected bishop commissioner of the general assembly to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, beginning May 29, 1929, and R. A. Laird, of Halfway, was elected as elder commissioner.

Mr. Walz, Robert S. Eakin, and Mr. Williams were elected a committee on revision of standing rules of the Presbytery.

The statistics of the Presbytery, read by the stated clerk, showed a marked increase in many items; especially was this true of the increase in church membership, and Sunday school enrollment.

The board of trustees through the chairman, Mr. Walz, reported on the church at Union, with a

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Accept Bid For Auditing of The 1929 City Books

The bid of Conda Hahn, of Portland, to audit the 1929 city books at \$25 per day per man, plus actual railroad fare to and from this city, was accepted by the city commission last night. Mr. Hahn is a certified public accountant.

An ordinance authorizing the signing of a deed for lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 47, Chaplin's addition, to the state for the use of the E. O. N. was passed. This marks the last step in the gift which was announced several weeks ago.

A remonstrance signed by R. A. Crawford and Jack Pitts, concerning a proposed improvement district in the Concordia area, was received and filed.

In the city manager's report it was announced that the band will hold extra rehearsals from now until July 13, when it will compete in Portland in the all-Northwest band tournament, which is to be broadcast over a national radio chain and of which sound pictures will be taken.

Fruit Blossoms Coming Out At Cove And Imbler

By Letitia Cleaver (Observer Correspondent)

DUBUQUE, Ore., Apr. 17 (Special)—The Imbler apple orchards will be laden soon with the heavy-laden blossoms. The season is about two or three weeks ahead of normal, which increases the danger of frost damage. If no damage from freezing occurs, the extra growth will be a decided advantage.

The early season has thrown many of the apple men behind with their work, but the splendid weather has enabled them to catch up.

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)

COVIL, Ore., Apr. 17 (Special)—The fruit blossoms are coming out rapidly at present in Cove and it will soon be "Blossom Time."

Apricots, peaches, plums, and cherries will make of Cove a veritable flower garden before this week is ended.

Women Golfers To Meet Friday

Women golfers of the country club will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in the offices of C. H. Reynolds for the purpose of electing a chairman of the tournament committee and the women who will assist her, it was announced today.

The women members will begin their golf tournaments next week, according to present plans. Landis Crump, club professional, will attend the meeting tomorrow night.

SENIORS WIN CLASS TRACK, FIELD MEET

Nowland Tops High Sticks To Win First Place in 16.6 Seconds.

BERRY SPRINTS TO TWO FIRSTS

Several Good Marks Made —La Grande Team Going to Pendleton for Saturday Meet.

The seniors of La Grande High school romped away with team honors in the Interclass track and field meet yesterday afternoon, rolling up 158 points. The juniors were second with 110, the sophomores scored 85 and the freshmen 23.

Seven places were counted in each event, first counting seven points.

Several excellent performances were chalked up, averaging well for the team which must defend a five-year championship at Pendleton May 3.

Nowland Steps Out

Nowland, junior, clipped off the high hurdles in 16.6 seconds, with Torrence, a sophomore, not more than 4.5 of a second behind him. Nowland also won the high jump at 5 feet 9 inches with Torrence second with a leap of 5 feet 6 inches.

Corwyn Beery, a sophomore, gave promise of sprinting development when he hit the tape in the century in 19.5 and later cut away from his field to win the 220-yard dash in 24.1 seconds.

Conley Wins Two

Conley, junior, won the third two-first winner, broad jumping 18 feet 11 inches, and tossing the spear 135 feet 8 inches. He also placed second in the 100 yard dash.

Patten, senior who is ineligible for interclass competition, was high point man with 24, taking second in the 220, third the mile, century and broad jump, and fifth in the half mile. Conley was second with 20 points.

Mires clipped off the quarter mile in 57.4. Hibbert went 10 feet 1 inches to win the pole vault, and Faus unlimbered a 111 feet 10 inch leap with the pommel. Roe took the low hurdles in 30.8 seconds and Robertson won the mile, being clocked at 5:07.4. Howard Nelson hit the tape first in the half mile in 2:16.6 time. Roe, who won the first heat in the 100 in 19.5, was noised out of the finals during the second 59 yards because of crowding.

The shotput competition was keen with Newton, Mires and Waite all getting better than 52 feet, Newton leading.

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TULIP SHOW TO BE GIVEN HERE

Date not Decided as Yet —May Prove Incentive to Spring Gardening.

The flower show committee of the Neighborhood club, of which Mrs. W. C. Perkins is chairman, is making arrangements for the inauguration of a spring tulip show. Previously the flower show and garden judging contest have been held in the fall, and the object of the spring show is to create all-year interest in fine gardens and yards.

The date for the tulip show has not been decided, but will be timed so as to find the blossoms at their best.

Present plans are to hold the show in some one's garden and arrange for an especially attractive afternoon for La Grande flower lovers.

Discussion of a spring flower show has been heard locally for some time and the movement this spring is meeting with generous support and response.

Easter Cantata To Be Given Next Sunday Evening in Local Church

One of the events of Easter Sunday that is attracting much interest among music lovers of this city is the sacred cantata "The Risen King" by P. A. Schaeffer, which is to be given at 8 p. m. by the Ladies Triad choir in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Alfred L. Richardson is director. The program for the cantata follows:

Organ prelude.
Processional anthem "Hosanna." Granier, Miss Daisy Robbs and Ladies Triad choir.
Prayer.

Cantata.
Introduction, organ. "This is the Day Which the Lord Hath made." Ladies Triad choir.
The story.

(a). "As It Began to Dawn."
(b). "With Loving Hearts and Laden Hands." Ladies Triad choir.
Recitative. "But When They

Good Friday To Be Observed In Services Here

One to be Held at the Presbyterian Church and One at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
12 to 3 p. m.—Union service at Presbyterian church.
12 to 3 p. m.—Episcopal service at St. Peter's church.

Two Good Friday services, both from 12 noon to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, are to be held in La Grande next Friday.

The three-hour service sponsored by the La Grande Ministerial association will be held in the First Presbyterian church and the program in brief follows.

Devotional prelude (organ meditation, hymn, invocation in unison, responsive reading, hymn, prayer by the Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, anthem).

An appreciation of Christ as revealed from the cross:

Part one—hymn, address "The Cross of Christ" by the Rev. Left Awe, prayer in unison, silent meditation.

Part two—hymn, address "The Mission of Christ," the Rev. H. T. Hansen, solo by Mrs. Ray Fuller, prayer in unison, silent meditation.

Part three—hymn, address "The Compassion of Christ," W. B. Jackson, solo by Mrs. Floyd Sherwood, prayer in unison, silent meditation.

Part four—hymn, address "The Gentleness of Christ," by Guy E. Sharp, prayer in unison silent meditation.

Part five—hymn, address "The Loneliness of Christ," by Mr. Godwin, solo by Harvey Carter, prayer in unison, silent meditation.

Part six: hymn, address "The Triumph of Christ," the Rev. J. (Continued on Page Four)

Clinics Will Be Held Here May 1, Auspices of P.-T.

Plans are going ahead for the summer roundup, a group of clinics for pre-school children of the ages of 4 to 6 years, which is sponsored by the parent-teacher organization members of the city. Miss Alice Macquardt, health chairman of the City Council of P.-T. A., is general chairman.

Each of the parent-teacher organizations will have their own roundup, all along the same general lines, but given in different buildings and with different examinations. The object of the clinics is to examine the pre-school children and in case of defect, to point the way for corrections. Transportation committees are to function to take care of taking the children to the doctors' offices. It is announced that children of 6 years of age now in school, who were unable to attend the clinics last year, may attend the ones May 1.

Formerly the round-up clinics were held in the different schools on different days, but this year a new plan is being followed.

The women in charge of the various clinics are:

Ackerman Training school, Mrs. Harvay Patton; Central P.-T. A., Mrs. E. W. Ely; Greenwood P.-T. A., Mrs. C. F. McPherson; Riveria P.-T. A., Mrs. P. M. Kennedy; Willow P.-T. A., Mrs. S. D. Buch.

Mrs. Hoover Is In Better Condition

WASHINGTON, April 17 (AP)—The condition of Mrs. Herbert Hoover, who is suffering from a wrenched back and a cold, was reported at the White House today to be improving.

The injury to her back was received Sunday when she fell to the floor in her room.

Lord and Lady Easton Percy were dinner guests at the White House last evening.

After the dinner with President Hoover, Lady Percy visited Mrs. Hoover in her room.

Came Unto the Sepulchre," second soprano, alto and choir.

"He Whom Ye Seek is Not Here," Mrs. Ray Fuller.

"The Lord is Risen," Ladies Triad choir.

"Then Went They Out Quickly and Fled," choir.

"Weeping For Him" choir with incidental solos by Miss Robbs, Mrs. Bohlenkamp and Miss Ruth Gehl.

DISBARMENT IN HANDS OF HIGH COURT

Joseph and Mannix Cases Come to an End in Salem Today.

EXPECT RULINGS IN SEVEN WEEKS

Case is Completed With Plea by Prosecution for the Permanent Disbarment of Mannix.

SALEM, Ore., April 17 (AP)—The Thomas Mannix disbarment case was finished when Attorney A. E. Reames concluded his address before the supreme court today. It ended with a plea for Mannix' permanent disbarment.

Both the George Joseph and the Mannix disbarment cases are now in the hands of the state's highest court. Because of the volume of exhibits submitted, and which must be examined by the members of the court, it is doubtful if decisions will be handed down for six or seven weeks. Attorney Reames of the prosecution, however, told the court that examination of the evidence in the Mannix case would not be as much of a task as the mass of documentary matter might indicate. The court did not ask that additional briefs be filed.

Scores Mannix.

Reterning the statement that Mannix had deliberately deceived both the state and the federal courts in the long process of the

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L. H. S. Musicians In Solo Numbers

W. W. Nussbaum, music director, spoke briefly on the growth of high school musical organizations in recent years and of the state band contest at Corvallis last week, at a luncheon of the Lions club in the Saccawewa today at noon.

Three high school boys played solos which were greatly appreciated. They were: Leland Hale, cornet; Dolphin Siegrist, flute, and Wayne Nussbaum, trombone.

MRS. BEESON IS INVITED TO VISIT EUROPE

Mrs. Julia Beeson, of May Park (Monte No. 1) has received an invitation from the United States government to make a pilgrimage to the cemetery in Europe where her soldier son is now interred, according to announcement made by her today. The invitation is for her to take passage on the steamship Harding which is scheduled to leave New York on July 9. All of her expenses would be paid by the government.

Mrs. Beeson is not certain whether she will accept the invitation to make the trip as yet, but expects to reach a decision in the near future.

The name of her son, who gave his life during the World war, is Harry C. Beeson.

Mrs. Beeson is one of hundreds of gold star mothers in the state that have received such invitations.

J. D. Mickle Speaks At Dairy Meeting

Predicting that a co-operative distributing system of market milk would come into use in this county, J. D. Mickle, state dairy commissioner, was the principal speaker and leader of a discussion in which Albert Hunter, chamber of commerce secretary and local dairymen participated at the La Grande Dairy Men's association meeting at the post office building this week.

The principal subject of discussion was the co-operative system. It was presented by Mr. Mickle's talk and outline of improved methods which are being employed in the handling of market milk in other localities, giving suggestions that might be followed by local dairymen.

Announce Winners In Poetry Contest

In the grade school poetry contest held by the La Grande public library in observance of poetry week and the visit of Miss Foster Smith, Idaho poetess, a number of poems were entered and a committee chosen to select the best. Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. George Birnie and Miss Mabel Doty were the committee members. No prizes were awarded, but the following were selected as outstanding:

Central school: Ralph Winters, Dorothy Henning, Grace Helen Bohlenkamp, Rita Palmer, Lorene Robertson, By Vello Crawford, Opal Conner, Jean Devine, Janet Binger and Joanna Leslie.

Riveria school: Ethel Evans, Janie Blecha and Jane Bryant.

Greenwood school: Hugh Kumsawwa, Helen Randoz, John Ainsworth, Mary Zupan and Anna Ocheltree.

IN THE NEWS



Women's Legs Real Cause of Longer Skirts

So Says Baron De Meyer, Fashion Expert—Bony Knees are Held Responsible.

By Adelaide Kerr (Associated Press Staff Writer) NEW YORK, Apr. 17 (AP)—Women's legs are responsible for the long skirts they're trailing around today, in the opinion of Baron De Meyer, international style expert and widely known fashion writer.

"Women have advanced a great many reasons for those long skirts, but the real reason lies in their legs," said the Baron who has just returned to America after a visit to the leading dressmaking salons of Paris.

The Ideal Story

"When the couturiers saw how skirts were overhanging going up and up, when they saw what horrible sights were revealed in bony knees and that ugly line at the top of the calf, they knew something had to be done. There was only one thing to do—pull the skirts down—and they did it as fast as they could. That's the real story of the long skirt."

At that, the couturiers never intended skirts to be really long by day or sweeping the floor by night, he believes. Just long enough to give mildy a degree of the grace and dignity that is supposed to be her heritage.

American women are wearing them so now, he said. In fact La Americans are wearing her clothes these days with as much dash and distinction and chic as any woman in the world.

Buy Clothes at Home

Moreover, seventy-five per cent of America's wealthiest women are buying their clothes right at home in the United States, he said.

"To be sure they're buying models originated in France, but they're buying them in New York and not in Paris."

"American buyers and dressmakers work so fast and their execution of Parisian models is so perfect that when an American woman goes to Paris she sees the same clothes she could buy at home. Only a few frocks that have been originated within the last few weeks are different. Why should she waste her time in Europe shopping? She'd rather play."

Will America ever originate the styles of the world?

Baron De Meyer thinks not. "They haven't the background for it, nor the patience. In Paris the whole city is tuned to the production of styles; between half a million and eight hundred thousand people work all year just for that and nothing else. Many of the

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Alabama Court Upholds Primary Election Ruling

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 17 (AP)—The Alabama supreme court today refused to stop the democratic primary of August 12, from which the state committee and candidates Senator J. Thomas Griffin and others who failed to support the democratic national ticket in 1928.

The court affirmed the decision of the Jefferson county circuit court denying a writ of mandamus to stop the August 12 democratic primary as asked by Horace C. Wilkinson, Birmingham attorney, who was a leader of the anti-Smith forces in the 1928 election.

The state democratic executive committee in session here December 16, 1929, voted 27 to 21 to exclude from the primaries as candidates all who failed to support the ticket in 1928, but did not restrict them from participating as voters.

Wilkinson contended the election would be illegal because of the state democratic executive committee's action in fixing different qualifications for voters and candidates.

The state department announced today that Leonard B. Cassidy, Boston, Mass., United Fruit company employee, was captured April 15 by discharged laborers at El Huen, Oaxaca, Mexico.

The report was sent the department by Leonard G. Dawson, American consul at Vera Cruz.

Dawson said Mexican military authorities were conducting a widespread search with various units of the army.

He reported Cassidy was badly beaten and was taken to the mountains.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, April 17 (AP)—Wheat values averaged lower today notwithstanding rather due to pre-holiday evening-up of accounts. The market appeared to lack aggressive support on price bulges. News of complete breaking of the drought in northwestern Kansas, where much wheat has been without rain for months past, gave a decided jolt to friends of higher prices.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/2c, a bushel lower than yesterday's finish. Corn closed 1/2c down, oats 3/4c off, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 2c.

FREE PRESS FIGHT URGED BY HARRISON

President of American Society of Newspaper Editors Speaks.

"GAG" LAW ATTACK HELD IMPORTANT

Rules of Law Governing Libel, Slander, etc., Held Ample Protection to the Public.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 17 (AP)—Urging editors of the nation to oppose aggressively any law designed to give courts power to censor newspapers, Walter M. Harrison, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, opened its annual meeting today urging support of the Chicago Tribune campaign against the Minnesota "gag" law.

"The Minnesota statute, Harrison said, holds any newspaper or publication which regularly publishes malicious, scandalous or defamatory matter to be a nuisance. Under the law, he continued, the Saturday Press, a small weekly publication of Minneapolis, was restrained from publication."

May Join Fight

The injunction was sustained by the higher state courts, and the Chicago Tribune, Harrison continued, planned to carry it to the supreme court. The American Society of Newspaper Editors had offered to join the fight against the law.

"Here is a club in the hands of crooked office holders which the press cannot accept with folded hands if it values its freedom," Harrison said. "Without a jury, this summary proceeding may be used in a campaign to destroy property."

"The rules of law governing libel, slander, and privileged publications are ample protection to the public," Harrison said.

Harrison said there was danger if the Minnesota law went unchallenged. "Without a jury, this summary proceeding may be used in a campaign to destroy property."

He urged support of the Chamber-Laguard bill designed to protect reporters in their refusal to divulge confidential information in any federal court.

Deplores Press Agents

Harrison deplored the growing use of press agents.

"The best medicine for the elimination of the press agent stuff in the news columns is an unrestricted and intelligent editor," he said. "Every properly trained editor worthy of the name can keep his columns free from this junk if he be permitted to do so."

Harrison, discussing crime news, said he believed press associations put more of this matter on their own than the loss of good men to wires than the average subscriber wanted.

After saying there was a trend toward "dull standardization in daily newspapers" due in his opinion to widespread syndicated feature services, the society president said there was much walling between

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20 DEAD, 5000 HOMELESS DUE TO HUGE FIRE