

POPULATION MAY BE LOW IN THIS CITY

Unless 100 Per Cent Count Secured, Census Will Not Reach 9,000.

MANY LA GRANDE PEOPLE SKIPPED

With a Large Number Living Just Over Limits, City Anxious to Count All Inside.

Unless a 100 per cent count for La Grande can be secured by census enumerators, indications are that the 1930 population of this city will fall far below the government records at between 8,000 and 9,000, probably nearer the former than the latter.

This became known when a telephone call was received from Raymond Williams, assistant census supervisor of this district, with headquarters in Pendleton. Mr. Williams said that although there were some few reports to come in as yet, he didn't expect the count to go much over 8,000, judging from figures now available.

Judging from past estimates of population, the actual number of people living within the city limits should be over 9,000, with between 1,000 and 1,500 living in territory adjacent to the city limits and actually a part of the city. With the failure of the movement to secure an extension of city boundaries a few months ago, these 1,000 to 1,500 became definitely excluded from the 1920 population for this city.

Much Depends on Count

Much depends upon securing an accurate account as possible, civic organizations pointing out that new industries and existing capital industries frequently come to cities of or above the 10,000 class that those of a lower figure, and a population around 9,000 would be of far greater benefit to this city in future years than a count of about 8,000.

Mr. Williams, in his telephone conversation, stated that he expected to be able to issue a rough estimate of the 1930 population of La Grande by tomorrow, but of course, with a few days allowed for final checking up, any persons that have been overlooked may be included in the final count if they report or are reported.

In an effort to secure as nearly a 100 per cent count as possible, The Observer is making an offer of 10 cents per name of unenumerated persons under 16 years of age. This offer is explained in full elsewhere on this page.

During the last several days an effort has been made to find persons who had not been enumerated.

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U. P. OFFICIAL INVESTIGATING ARGICULTURE

O. L. Paulson, assistant supervisor of agriculture of the Union Pacific system, at Portland, spent yesterday and Wednesday in La Grande and nearby territory, investigating agricultural conditions and conferring with County Agent H. G. Avery, Secretary A. R. Hunter, of the chamber of commerce, and E. L. Meyers and T. J. Scroggin, local bankers. Mr. Paulson is at Union today to meet with Eastern Oregon livestock show directors.

Mr. Paulson was securing facts on home, poultry work, etc., planning further investigation at a later date. He said that the lamb crop in Eastern Oregon is exceptionally good and that he finds a large number of farm flocks.

Eagles Preparing For Mother's Day

Preparations for the annual Mother's day program of the Eagles lodge to be held May 11 are progressing. It was reported at the meeting last night. Forty-five candidates have been secured for a class to be initiated at the end of the membership drive.

Word was received that Governor Roosevelt of New York had signed an old-age pension law for the state of New York. The old age pension is a political measure sponsored by the Eagles lodge, at present campaigning to institute a similar law in this state.

WEATHER TODAY
7:00 a. m. -41 above.
Minimum -10 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 65, minimum 49 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER APRIL 18, 1930
Maximum 66, minimum 39 above.
Condition: clear, rain .92 of inch.

Observer Will Pay 10 Cents Per Name For Persons Not Counted

The Evening Observer announces today that it will pay 10 cents to any boy or girl under 16 years of age for every name reported by Monday night of legitimate citizens of La Grande who have not been enumerated for the 1930 census.

In order to earn 10 cents a name, youngsters must bring in or telephone the full name and correct address of the person who has been skipped by the census. This will be verified with the enumerators and payments made if report is correct. Ten cents will be paid for each name. For example, if a family of five is found that has not been enumerated, the boy or girl reporting will receive 50 cents.

This is a real chance for live youngsters to get some spending money. Enumerators admit that many people have probably been skipped. Boys and girls can scour their neighborhoods and collect a dime for each name they turn in but the first boy or girl turning in the name gets the money.

Get busy! Help La Grande get full credit for its actual population!

Observe Today; Easter Church Programs Given

Good Friday services in two churches—the St. Peter's Episcopal and the Presbyterian—are under way this afternoon as The Observer goes to press, and congregations throughout the city are making preparations for Easter Sunday observance.

Details of the Easter church programs are given on the church page in The Observer today.

Besides the religious observance of Easter, the day—weather permitting—is also observed as the time for the "sprawling" of new spring apparel, and many colorful and attractive styles are annually given their debut on the streets of the city.

The day is also particularly attractive to the smaller children, with their hunts for the "bunnies" etc.

Tigers Compete In Track Meet At Pendleton

Coach Ira Wood will take his La Grande High school track and field team to Pendleton tomorrow for its first interscholastic competition of the year. The event will be a triangular meet between Milton-Freewater, Bend and La Grande. La Grande expects to have men entered in every event, and hopes to take a fair share of first places.

The outcome of the meet will give depesters an idea as to what may be expected in the annual Eastern Oregon meet which will also be held at Pendleton, on May 3. The Tigers have won five years straight in Eastern Oregon competition.

Melouhlin high administered a crushing defeat to the Walla Walla under team in a recent meeting, scoring 94 1/2 points. La Grande has several potential winners while Pendleton's senior and junior classes have some athletes of caliber who showed to advantage in the recent class meet.

At present few Eastern Oregon track and field meet seem to be in any serious danger, although it may be a different story by May 23.

A number of students and fans expect to accompany the team to Pendleton.

The track meet will begin at 1:20 o'clock.

An assembly was held in the high school this morning, including yellow competition. Stoles were placed by Wayne Nussbaum, treasurer; Dolph Stegert, flutist, and Leland Hale, cornet. Dr. William Pearce spoke during the assembly.

The Question Is: Who Was Joke On?

Friends of Mark P. Jenkins, whose marriage in November to Miss Eleanor Glass was announced early this week, attempted to play a joke on him last night but tonight were wondering just who the joke was on after all.

They took him to the city jail and had Police Chief Clint Hayes place him in the cell, but as the door closed, Mr. Jenkins found one of his friends in jail with him. That wasn't according to plans, and an attempt was made to get the friend out, but in the excitement, Mr. Jenkins caught another one, and for some time the two of them kept him company. Finally they were released and almost as soon as the group left, the police freed Mr. Jenkins.

Proceeding this Mr. Jenkins was handcuffed to a light pole at Fourth and Main about 45 minutes. Following that both he and his wife were paraded in a trailer up and down the business section.

ROGUEVETS IMPROVING

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—Eop President and Mrs. Hoover, the former suffering from a cold and the latter with a painfully wrenched back and cold, were reported today to be improved.

LAKE RESORT TAKEN OVER BY BINGAMAN

Mortgagee to Run Wallowa Wonderland During Coming Summer.

FORECLOSURE SALE HELD THIS WEEK

Proceedings Started Late Last Year—La Grande Man Had Largest Interest.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Apr. 15.—Under mortgage foreclosure sale conducted by Deputy Sheriff John E. Wright, C. A. Bingaman, of La Grande, bought the greater part of the real estate of the Wallowa Lake Wonderland, incorporated. Mr. Bingaman had the first mortgage on this real estate and was the only bidder, according to the record-keeper. At the same time the directors bought at foreclosure sale the personal property in Wonderland lodge, on which they had a first mortgage.

The resort will be open for business this summer, Mr. Bingaman said. He will be at the lake most of the time for three months and will be responsible for its management, although he will have assistants in more active charge. Mr. Bingaman has in mind persons who know the property and who will be an asset to the business.

"We want everybody to feel welcome to the lake," Mr. Bingaman said. "They will be welcome just the same whether they spend any money or not, and whether they have a dollar or a million. All we want is for them to visit the lake and to enjoy their outlook there."

Plans Improvements
Mr. Bingaman will have to make some improvements around the grounds, for this is necessary every season, but he will not do a great deal. The company has a year in which to redeem the normal school dramatic club. He fore-seelection of the coast is under work is being started on the scenery and the following committee met yesterday to begin plans for the stage settings: Miss Caroline Williams, art instructor; Miss Edith Ebel, Miss Theresa Taylor, Miss Iria Johnson and Miss Ruth Smalley. A date has not been set for the play's production.

E. O. N. Seniors To Consider Apparel

The senior class of the Eastern Oregon Normal school met yesterday to consider the question of dress to be worn for commencement, and the following committee was appointed to make a final decision: Frances Tinsley, Frances Simpson and Betty Sutton.

The constitutional committee for the organization of an alumni association includes: Eugene Bowman, chairman; Harvey DeMoss, Vergelie Bond, Emily Doust and Albert Hopkins.

LUMBERMAN FOUND DEAD

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 18 (AP)—Paper found today in the effects of a penniless man who died at the city hospital January 18 under the name of Thomas Reynolds, identified him as Thomas Gittins, prominent Seattle, Wash., lumberman who disappeared last October in Victoria, B. C. The body was buried here as that of a pauper.

An undated letter, written last December 11 from a hotel here from where he was taken to a hospital five days later suffering from alcoholism, told his wife of his whereabouts and said he disappeared because "I was held up and robbed and was too much of a coward to face the music." The letter threatened suicide.

Big Mail Order Firms Will Merge

PHILADELPHIA, April 18 (AP)—Reported plans for a merger of Sears Roebuck & Co. and Montgomery Ward & Co. were described today by Louis J. Rosenthal, vice president in charge of Sears Roebuck interests in Philadelphia, as being "substantially correct."

Municipal Band Starts Rehearsal For Northwest Contest Next July

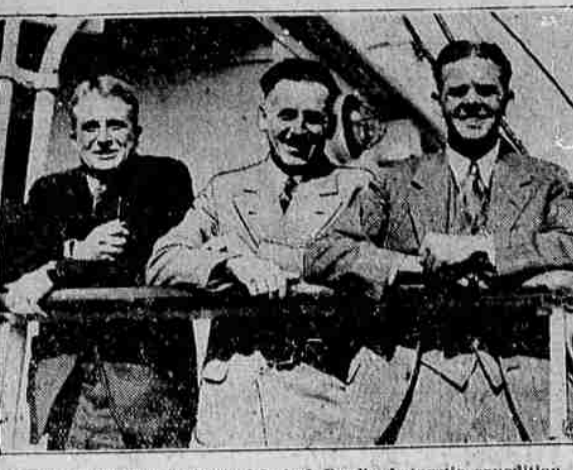
The municipal band has started intensive rehearsal in preparation for the Northwest amateur band contest which will be held at Jantzen Beach July 7 to 14 under auspices of Sherman Clay & Co. and Jantzen Beach Amusement Co. Extra rehearsals are being held each week in an effort to perfect the contest numbers.

This concert will be broadcast from radio station KGW and sound pictures will also be made of the contest which has already received wide publicity in the newspapers of the Northwest.

"We were reluctant to enter this contest on account of the amount of time necessary to spend in extra rehearsals and also the time required to attend the contest but felt that our entry would give La Grande considerable publicity and every band member has now entered into the spirit of the contest wholeheartedly."

The contest number is to be the overture to "Raymond" by Ambrose Thomas and in addition the band will be allowed a warm-up march and an encore number not to exceed in length five minutes. The overture and encore number will be judged. The local organization has chosen for their encore number "The March and Procession of Hachusa" from the ballet "Sylvia" by Delibes.

BYRD AIDES RETURN TO U. S.



Three members of Rear Admiral Byrd's Antarctic expedition arrived in San Francisco after two years "down under." They were (left to right) O. A. Thorne, surgeon; Capt. A. N. Parker, a pilot, and Capt. C. A. McKinley, photographer. Parker flew a plane over the South pole. (A. P. Photo)

Grain Exchange Drive Fails To Worry Mr. Legge

CHICAGO, April 18 (AP)—Chairman Alexander Legge of the federal farm board today took solace from the campaign against the board started by the Minneapolis grain exchange.

The chairman was disposed to regard the Minneapolis plea for repeal of the agricultural marketing act as good advertising for the farm board.

"It's funny, isn't it, that they should make so much fuss about something which they said would not work," he said.

Acknowledging that opponents of the board had strength "in some localities," Mr. Legge said there was nothing new in the opposition of grain, produce and commodity exchanges.

"We have been picking up reports of this kind for the last two months," he said. "If they are enjoying it, so are we."

Pastor Will Wear Overalls Easter

DANVILLE, Wis., Apr. 18 (AP)—As a protest against what he called the general custom of turning Easter into a fashion show, the Rev. A. B. Scheider, pastor of the Georgetown Nazarene church, said today he would appear in his pulpit for the service Easter Sunday attired in overalls. The attitude of his parishioners was not announced.

Stormy Weather West of Rockies

NEW YORK, Apr. 18 (AP)—If you live east of the Rockies the sun probably will shine on your Easter bonnet Sunday.

Weather forecasts today from west, east, north and south were that clear skies might be expected for all of the country except the Pacific coast and the Rocky mountain region.

"Probably fair" said the weather man at Chicago; "generally fair" reported the forecaster at New Orleans; clear skies said Washington's bureau, forecasting for the Atlantic coast and New England. Then came the bad news from the west.

Judge Parker Will Be Asked to Talk

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Examination by the senate judiciary committee of Judge John J. Parker, of North Carolina, nominee for the supreme court, has the approval of the administration and steps will be undertaken immediately to bring it about.

Friends of Judge Parker reported information today that Attorney General Mitchell was in favor of the examination of Judge Parker by the senate committee.

Republican senators are upset over the protests against Parker by the negroes, who assert that remarks attributed to him as a candidate for governor in 1920 showed racial prejudice.

AIR CIRCUS TO BE HELD HERE NEXT SUNDAY

An air circus will be conducted a mile east of the government airport Sunday afternoon from 1:20 to 4:20 p. m., with three parachute jumps to be made. Weather permitting, Babe Smith will make an altitude jump, and if the wind isn't too strong, Babe Smith will attempt to close a parachute on the way down after it first opens. He also will hang suspended from the un-departing from an automobile inner tube. Babe Smith will be suspended from the plane hanging to a pair of women's silk stockings.

Baker Hopes To Be East Oregon Aviation Center

American Legion Secures 10-Year Lease on 95 Acres of Land North-east of City.

BAKER, Ore., Apr. 18 (Special)—The Baker post of the American Legion has secured a 10-year lease from the state land board on 95 acres of land on the Medical Springs road two and one-half miles northeast of Baker and has already started leveling the ground with a view of developing the acreage into a first-class municipal air field, members of the general committee announce, according to the Democrat-Herald.

For the next two Sundays members of the Legion and Baker residents interested in the project will engage in leveling the field with the hope that a runway, 200 feet wide and 2,000 feet long, may be placed in readiness for the landing of airplanes within the next few days. A second runway, to be constructed later, will be 1,000 feet long and will run east and west, making a cross of the gravel construction. Machinery for leveling the ground will be rented from the county and forest service.

Government to Move

As the government customarily moves the field equipment from its airports to those operated as aviation committee of Baker, which has been negotiating with several months in an effort to secure a favorable municipal field, hopes to have the lighting system on the present field moved to the new airport after the lease is returned from Washington, D. C. Arrangements for the moving of the beacon and other equipment have not been completed.

The conduct also expects to erect hangars on the field for the convenience of Baker people who may purchase airplanes and for outside aviators who may wish to use the local airport, the name of which has not been selected.

Pilot of all types of airplanes, including commercial machines, will be permitted to land their planes on the local airport. Under the present arrangement the government field can be used only in cases of emergencies and it is for this reason that the aviation committee is especially anxious to secure another airport, which may be used without interference from the authorities.

The American Legion hopes, now that it has an airport, to hold an air circus here with scores of planes participating during the state Legion convention.

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I. C. C. Objects To Rail Mergers By Stock Pools

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Joseph B. Eastman, of the interstate commerce commission, today said the senate interstate commerce committee a commission report unanimously favoring legislation to prohibit consolidations or unification of railroads through pooling of stocks by holding companies.

Eastman suggested that in addition to providing redress through court injunction, congress should provide personal penalties, "such as fines and perhaps imprisonment," for such unification of properties.

Testifying on the Couzens resolution, proposing to suspend all consolidations, including those direct linkings authorized by the commission, as well as "overhead" mergers through holding companies, Eastman said if the commission in its entirety, it would be declaring it "doubtful its own ability to judge wisely what is in the public interest."

The report said Chairman McMonery of the commission endorsed the resolution "in its entirety."

Lightning Cause Of Death to 38

LISBON, Portugal, April 18 (AP)—Reports from Micon, Portuguese China, today said that 38 working people, both men and women, were blown to death there when lightning struck a factory, causing an explosion.

Great-Grandmother Wins Suit for \$500

ATLANTIC, La., April 18 (AP)—Mrs. Mary Nelson, 65 years old, a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, won a \$500 breach of promise suit in district court yesterday.

Mrs. Nelson charged that Alexander Bog, 56 years old, had proposed marriage several times and had "made ardent love" to her until last June, when his ardor cooled. She asked \$15,000 damages, but the jury after deliberating eight hours cut it to \$500.

SAYS HOOVER DOUBTFUL OF PROHIBITION

Opinion by W. H. Stayton Read Before Senate Lobby Committee.

ABUSE HEAPED ON PRESIDENT, CLAIM

Letter Read by Henry H. Curran, President of Association Against Prohibition Amendment.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 18 (AP)—An expression of belief by W. H. Stayton, chairman of the board of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, that President Hoover "is beginning to doubt whether prohibition can be enforced" was received today by the senate lobby committee.

The opinion was contained in a letter written last February by Stayton, to Charles S. Wood, of Philadelphia, a vice president of the wet organization.

It said: "My own feeling is, as I talk to senators, members of congress, and public officials here, that Mr. Hoover is beginning to doubt whether prohibition can be enforced."

"He is Being Abused."
It added that Mr. Hoover "wants to take plenty of time to consider it, but he is being abused a little too much."

The Stayton letter was introduced into the voluminous lobby committee record while Henry H. Curran, president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, was testifying on the third day. Curran had said previously the "tide is turning" against prohibition in congress.

Curran predicted the Sheppard bill to make the purchaser of liquor equally guilty with the seller and the Wickersham proposal to "blow" the bill of rights, would not be passed by the present congress.

Two years ago, he added, the Jones bill to increase penalties for prohibition violations "passed with a whoop."

Senator Blaine, republican, Wisconsin, the only wet on the committee asked Curran if his organization had taken any action on the prohibition bill.

"We haven't lifted a finger," the witness replied.

The letter by Stayton said Chairman Graham of the house judiciary committee, which has been holding prohibition hearings had urged him to ask W. W. Atterbury, republican national committeeman from Pennsylvania, and a wet, to testify before the committee.

Hopes Atterbury Takes Stand "I believe," the letter added, "that if General Atterbury should take the stand, it would cause a great many people to be more generous as to Mr. Hoover's attitude."

"I think there are thousands of people—and especially prominent people here—who would at once say that, if General Atterbury, with his strong convictions on this subject, is willing to wait for Mr. Hoover's calm consideration, then the rest of us ought to be willing to wait—and I believe that a real service would thereby be done to the republican party."

Curran was not questioned concerning the references to President Hoover in the Stayton letter.

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MACHINE GUNS ARE ON GUARD IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 18 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency)—Machine guns have been placed in strategic positions on all the main streets of Jerusalem to prevent possible trouble growing out of the Christian and Mohammedan holidays.

Armed soldiers have been placed on guard in front of the former Russian compound, now the court house. A part of Jewish residents who wanted to drive to Amman, in Transjordan, to see the Nebi Musa—important feast in the Mohammedan religious calendar—were barred by the authorities who said they could not guarantee their safety.

There are many pilgrims here for the Nebi Musa commemorations, which take place today, tomorrow and Sunday.

BASEBALL TODAY
AMERICAN LEAGUE
St. Louis at Chicago, postponed;
Cleveland at Philadelphia, and New York at Boston, postponed;
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, postponed;
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Petty, Swetonic and Homaley; May, Campbell, McWeeny and Stukerforth.