

## CITY CELEBRATES 4TH OF JULY

### LARGE CROWD GATHERS FOR BIG PROGRAM

Day Ushered in and Out With Dancing at Union and La Grande.

### PARADE, CONTESTS OCCUR IN MORNING

Baseball Game, Horse-shoes, Band Concert, Fiddlers' Contest and Other Events Held.

With the thermometer standing at 74 degrees and a gentle breeze blowing throughout the day, yesterday was ideal for the celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A program which opened with a dance at Goodrod Lake at Union, Monday morning at 12:01 o'clock, and closed in La Grande at 12 o'clock last night was enjoyed throughout the day by a large crowd who came from all over the valley.

No accidents of a serious nature were reported to mar the day.

### Parade Staged

A parade at 10:30 yesterday morning was the second activity of the day and was witnessed by a large audience which lined Adams avenue. Jack Biggs, ex-state commander of the American Legion, the organization sponsoring the event, headed the parade, accompanied by Sergeant Dick Robertson, of the state police, in an official car. The American Legion drum and bugle corps furnished martial music for the procession in which fraternal and patriotic organizations and private business houses took part. A feature of the parade was the bonus expeditionary force, headed by Henry Melancon; a car carrying a large group of children drawn by a horse bore the banner, "I voted for Hoover." Vets of the Civil war, the Spanish American war, headed by their wife and drum corps, and dragging their miniature cannon mascot, the American Legion, Company E, 18th Infantry, Oregon national guard, and the Boy Scouts of America.

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### DR. LOMAX TO BE SPEAKER AT ASSEMBLY

Dr. John A. Lomax, noted authority on American ballads and folk songs, will present a lecture on "Songs of the Cowboy" tomorrow morning at the regular assembly to which the public is invited at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, at 10 o'clock. Dr. Lomax was formerly with the University of Texas and is president of the American Folklore society at present. The Blue Mountain Wranglers, of La Grande, will be the guests of the Normal school during the program, at which Dr. Lomax will tell of the origin of many of the songs which the Wranglers have played in La Grande during the past year.

### Wallowa Pioneer Dies at Farm Home

By C. G. Meek (Observer Correspondent)  
WALLOWA (Special)—Hiram Nelson Williams, a pioneer of Wallowa county, since 1879 passed away at his farm home about five miles east of here, June 30. He was born Aug. 20, 1850 in McDougal county, Ill., and was married Sept. 11, 1870 to Miss Sarah Ellen Peck. The family settled on a farm at the mouth of Paranalp creek upon coming here in 1879 and lived here continuously since, when Mr. Williams was associated with his brother in farming and stock-raising. His wife passed away in July, 1926, and since that time he has made his home with his children. He is survived by two brothers, two sisters and the following four children, J. B. Williams, Mrs. Cora Flenner, Mrs. Lulu Read and Mrs. Stella Hook, together with 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Arms Conference To Adjourn Soon

GENEVA, July 5 (AP)—Prospects for immediate action on President Hoover's proposal for a one-third reduction in arms were brightening today when the world disarmament conference began preparations to adjourn until fall.

### South Will Not Split, Says Carson

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5 (AP)—Assurance that the south is in sympathy with the repeal plank adopted by the Democratic national convention and will support the Roosevelt-Garner ticket was expressed today by Joseph K. Carson, Oregon's member of the Democratic resolutions committee, upon his return from Chicago.

### Cooler Weather Over the Weekend

Following a week of torrid weather, somewhat cooler temperatures visited Eastern Oregon Sunday and Monday. It started with a 19 of an inch rainfall the morning of July 3 which saw a maximum of 70 above. Yesterday the maximum was 74 above with a minimum of 47.

Today promised to be warmer, with the sky clear this morning and a 7 a. m. temperature of 58 above.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday but fog on the coast; moderate temperature; moderate north and northwest winds offshore.  
WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—58 above.  
Minimum: 43 above.  
Condition: Clear.  
WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 74, minimum 47 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—27 degrees.  
WEATHER JULY 5, 1931  
Maximum 77, minimum 55 above.  
Condition: Clear, dust storm.  
Range—22 degrees.

### Injuries Fatal To Mr. LeGore, Hurt Saturday

Struck By Falling Tree, La Grande Pioneer Dies Sunday—Funeral Services Here Tomorrow.

Lawson P. Reed LeGore, who was injured Saturday when he was struck by a falling tree while cutting wood on a ranch near La Grande, died of his injuries Sunday at the Grande Ronde hospital. He suffered a broken shoulder and fractures of both legs. Mr. LeGore, who was a pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, will be buried in the Summerville cemetery tomorrow afternoon following funeral services to be held at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary in La Grande.

Mr. LeGore was born in Manhattan, Kan., on Jan. 2, 1861 and was 71 years, six months and one day of age. He came west when a young man and made his home in and near La Grande for the last 52 years—since 1880, four years before the railroad reached this city.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary LeGore, three sons, Joseph and Paul, at La Grande; and Harry, of Orville, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Celia Cox, of Tolocaset, and one brother, Joseph LeGore, of Joseph, Ore.

### Prohi Party To Ask Sen. Borah To Head Ticket

INDIANAPOLIS, July 5 (AP)—The prohibition party, expecting recent developments in the wet-dry controversy to produce a great increase in its strength, began its national convention today.

D. Leigh Colvin, of New York, national chairman, who is seeking to make Senator William E. Borah the party's presidential nominee, called the session to order.

The situation regarding the Idaho senator's acceptance of the nomination was unchanged. He had neither refused nor consented to accept leadership of the party.

Colvin and his associates were confident the senator eventually would agree to head the ticket. To induce Borah to accept, Colvin's group was negotiating with various big national temperance organizations in an attempt to obtain assurances of their

### Horseshoe Fans Looking Forward To Friday Event

Two of the best known horseshoe pitchers in the country, Guy L. Zimmerman and C. E. Jackson, are to be in La Grande on Friday, July 8, it was announced today. They come billed as the world's best exhibition horseshoe pitchers.

Mr. Zimmerman, of Sac City, Ia., is the holder of the Iowa, Illinois and South Dakota championships, and also holds a record of 19 consecutive double ringers in match play, 1025 ringers in 1200 shoes pitched, 49 ringers out of 50 shoes pitched.

Mr. Jackson, of Kellerton, Ia., was champion of Iowa for two years and champion of Illinois two years. He played in the money five times in national tournaments and has defeated Putt Mossman, former world's champion, and Blair Nunamaker, present world's champion. He holds a record of 87 ringers in 100 shoes pitched, and 39 ringers out of 40 shoes pitched.

While in La Grande the men will meet all challengers, show a number of trick pitches, etc. Further details will be announced later this week.

### HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODS FATAL TO 10

Texas Lowlands and Prairie Country Swept By Raging Waters.

### THREE VILLAGES ARE INUNDATED

Ohio and West Virginia Also Feel Force of Floods Caused by Week-end of Downpour.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 5 (AP)—From the low lands and prairie country of the lower reaches of the Rio, Guadalupe and Neches rivers, farmers and ranchmen drove their livestock to the hills today, to escape flood waters which already have claimed ten lives.

Families were moved to safety from farms and small towns in the path of the waters rushing toward the Gulf of Mexico. In the area in which the torrential rains of last weekend first caused death and destruction, the waters were receding. An accurate estimate of the property damage in this ranching and resort country was still impossible. From many remote communities may yet come reports of the loss of life.

There has been a great loss in livestock. Crop damage will be tremendous. Much damage has been done to highways and railroads.

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PORTSMOUTH, O., July 5 (AP)—Three small Scioto county villages were inundated by flood waters of numerous creeks which left their banks last night and early today after heavy rains, property damage was heavy.

Flood waters inundated the villages of Garden, Otway and Arion. Although the Ohio was rising rapidly.

### BAND IN CONCERT MONDAY EVENING

Patriotic Numbers, Dedicated to Ex-soldiers, Played During Recital

After a busy day filled with parades, races, baseball games and other strenuous activities, many gathered for an hour of music furnished by the La Grande band at the Triangle park at 7 o'clock last night. Director Andrew Loney arranged a program in honor of the occasion, the Fourth (Continued on Page Three)

### Senate Votes To Cut Down Banks

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—The senate today adopted a proposal to reduce from 12 to 4 the number of banks authorized under the administration sponsored home loan bank bill.

### Catcher Dickey Draws Suspension

CHICAGO, July 5 (AP)—Catcher Bill Dickey of the New York Yankees today was indefinitely suspended by President William Harridge of the American league for assaulting Carl Reynolds, Washington outfielder.

## Petitions Reported Stolen

### Mattern and Griffin Begin Dash Around the World—First Lap Slow

HARBOR GRACE, N. F., July 5 (AP)—James Mattern and Bennett Griffin, American airmen, in search of a new round the world record, landed at Harbor Grace late today after a hazardous trip from New York. They were lost for hours in a dense fog and overflew their mark, the Harbor Grace airport, by 150 miles but made their way back.

Six Days Their Goal  
Mattern, one-time jazz drummer, and Griffin, who strafed the enemy from the air in the World war hoped to make the round-the-world spin in only six days.

Dr. James H. Kimball, veteran weather man who is unofficial starter of long-distance flights, told them that despite rain over Nova Scotia, they could expect satisfactory conditions.

Mattern, who hails from Fort Worth, Tex., and is 27 years old, sat 15 feet away from Griffin, 36-year-old Oklahoma City man. Between them were huge gasoline tanks.

The plane has dual controls, however, and the pilots planned to communicate with each other by means of notes placed in a small tube and slid along a cable. An abundance of compasses and a pair of ice indicators were among their instruments.

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### Meier May Take Responsibility For Auto Tags

Heated Discussion With Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss Brings Out New Statement.

SALEM, July 5 (AP)—Issuance of automobile license plates will be taken out of the hands of the secretary of state and be sold through the offices of the governor and state treasurer in order to provide quarterly payments, Governor Julius L. Meier declared here today during a heated discussion with Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss.

The governor asked Hoss if he had changed his mind in refusing to issue licenses on the quarterly payment plan as suggested by the executive. Hoss replied he had not as long as the law prohibited him from doing so.

"Then I'll take it out of your hands and handle it through the state treasurer's office," the governor said.

Plan Not Worked Out  
The governor stated he had not yet worked out any definite plan but said receipts would be issued and the treasurer receive the money, and that these receipts would be recognized by the state police.

When asked by newspapermen if he would continue the moratorium, he would continue the moratorium.

### Hoss, In Letter, Explains Views On Car Licenses

SALEM, July 5 (AP)—Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, in a letter to Governor Julius L. Meier, issued immediately following the argument between the two state officials at noon today over license plates, explained why he would not accept quarterly payments of licenses. In his letter Hoss enclosed a copy of the attorney general's opinion upon which Hoss said he based his refusal to adopt the quarterly plan.

Earlier today during the discussion, Hoss told the governor the state legislature could authorize such issuance, and it could be done by calling a special session. The governor stated taxpayers did not want a special session, and that the matter will be handled without a session.

Quoting from the letter, Hoss said: "The opinion of the attorney general says that it is unlawful for any one to operate a motor vehicle on the public roads, streets or highways of the state, without having obtained a license therefore... that the annual fees prescribed in the act for such license shall be paid to the secretary of state at the time application is made for such licenses... and that

### ESCAPE PLOT AT OREGON PEN IS FRUSTRATED

SALEM, July 5 (AP)—Frank Parley, convicted Aurora bank robber, and William Donahue, life termer from Jackson county, are occupying correction cells at the state penitentiary because of the part they played as alleged ringleaders in a prison delivery plot that had been set for the Fourth of July it is revealed by Warden James Lewis.

Plans for the wholesale delivery, which had been set to take place during the program of sports in the prison yard yesterday afternoon, were disclosed to the penitentiary officials several days in advance, by "grapevine" information and Parley and Donahue were taken before the warden. What admissions they made, if any, were not stated. Other prisoners said to have been involved in the plot are being closely watched.

### Farm Heads Indict Both Major Parties

CHICAGO, July 5 (AP)—American agriculture made its celebration of the 150th anniversary of the nation's birth a protest against its adversaries. A call to arm for a war of ballots in the farmers cause was sounded in 10,000 communities where rural folk met at picnics of the American Farm Bureau Federation yesterday.

President E. A. O'Neal of the farm bureau, addressing thousands of farmers and many townsmen at Ottumwa, Iowa, charged both major political parties with a "caloused and even defiant indifference to agriculture."

His voice was echoed throughout the nation by other leaders.

### BONUS ARMY, IN RAGS, ON MARCH TODAY

War Veterans Move Down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol.

### RENEW DEMANDS BEFORE CONGRESS

Speakers Assail Hurley, Payne, Hoover and Atterbury—Police Keep Close Watch.

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—A ragged army of war veterans marched down historic Pennsylvania avenue to the capitol today to renew their demands before congress for immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus.

Except for one drum and two bugles, the parade was silent.

This was the second time the former service men had paraded formally to the capitol, informal marches, however, have been conducted on a number of occasions.

An open communitist revolt against the capitol today, the veterans' commander-in-chief, Walter W. Waters, broke out just before the parade swung up 15th street toward Pennsylvania avenue.

Waters was in New York seeking food supplies for his men. Taking advantage of his absence, the radical wing of the bonus army distributed hand bills among the rank and file urging that rump election be held at the capitol to depose the leader.

Virtually the only spectators to see the start were government employees who crowded to the windows of the commerce and treasury departments.

Despite claims of a strength of 20,000, there were only 4781 in the line of march composed of 4701 men, 13 women and 7 children.

A squad of motorcycle police headed the parade. Other police rode and marched with the veterans. Spectators were sparse.

The former soldiers, swung along with a sprightly step. Each company was commanded by its captains and

### TAMMANY TO RUN AL SMITH FOR GOVERNOR

NEW YORK, July 5 (AP)—The Evening Post says today it has learned that a Tammany movement is under way looking to the nomination of former Governor Alfred E. Smith for a fifth term as the state's chief executive.

Prominent Tammany leaders are said by the Post to want Smith drafted for governor and from persons close to John F. Curry, leader of the hall, it is understood Smith's selection would be welcome to the Tammany chieftain.

### 3-CENT STAMP USE TO BEGIN AFTER TODAY

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—American citizens tomorrow will start using the new three-cent stamp and help get the government out of the red.

The three-center is printed in purple and bears the familiar Stuart portrait of Washington. It is identical in size and design to the two-cent stamp of the Washington bicentennial series except for the change of denomination numerals and omission of dates.

Two other varieties of three-cent stamps will be used—the current Lincoln stamp of the regular issue and the three-center of the bicentennial series.

Four billion new stamps are being manufactured. Despite the publicity given the change in postal rates, officials say that thousands of letters probably will be mailed tomorrow and in the next few days bearing the old two-cent variety. It takes time, they say, to get the public to comply.

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## Tornadic Winds in Kansas

### KIDNAPED



Haskell Bohn, 25 (above), son of G. C. Bohn, millionaire St. Paul, Minn., refrigerator manufacturer, was seized by kidnapers in an alley behind the Bohn home and now is held for \$35,000 ransom. The family is attempting to contact the kidnapers to pay the ransom.

### HOOVER ASKING MORE FOR RELIEF

In Brief Message to Congress, President Requests Sum of \$120,000

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—President Hoover, in a brief message to congress today, asked for a special appropriation of \$120,000 to continue the activities of the president's organization on unemployment relief.

The chief executive pointed out that congress had omitted an appropriation for the unemployment organization, headed by Walter S. Gifford, in the second deficiency bill recently enacted.

Should no appropriation be given, Mr. Hoover said, "there would be grave danger of national, state and local volunteer groups concluding that services such as they have rendered were no longer necessary."

The committee is composed of leading men and women in every state, whose efforts have been to stimulate private aid and co-ordinate local activities.

Mr. Hoover said it was "obviously of the utmost importance" that there be no diminution in the voluntary efforts "which combine the intimate knowledge of local conditions with the sense of responsibility toward fellow citizens and neighbors in distress."

The full text of the president's special message follows:

"The second deficiency bill just passed omitted an appropriation for continuance of the activities of the president's organization on unemployment relief. I urgently request that congress make a special appropriation of \$120,000 to continue this work over the next fiscal year."

"This organization, of which Mr. Walter S. Gifford is director, is comprised of leading men and women throughout every state in the Union and has served to establish and co-ordinate state and local volunteer efforts in relief of distress throughout the nation."

"The organization has secured in a broadcast has been sent to all shipping off the Atlantic coast to keep a look out for the Curlew. The coast guard has undertaken a search for the craft."

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### Two Tie For First In Bucking Contest

MOLALLA, Ore., July 5 (AP)—Everett Bartlesmy, of Condon, and Frank Studnick, of Siletto, tied for first place in the bucking contest of the Molalla buckaroo held here Monday.

Studnick won the championship at the Pendleton round up last year. George Nelson of Walmic, Ore., placed third.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 5 (AP)—Radical curtailment of the volume of wheat dealings to the scantiest total witnessed in months went hand in hand today with lower prices.

The open interest in wheat, dwindling constantly since the imposition of 400 per cent increased taxes on future delivery transactions, was shown today by official figures to be down to 101,000,000 bushels, a minimum not registered since last fall.

Almost 2,000,000 bushels decrease in the United States when visible supply total failed to act as a counterbalance.

July delivery of wheat broke the season's low price record, and so corn and rye.

Wheat closed nervous, 1/4 to 1/2 cent down, oats unchanged to 1/2 cent, and provisions at 15 to 25c advance.

### Hoover Opposed To State Loans In Relief Bill

President Expected to Veto Measure—Bill Finally Approved Today By House, Senate.

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—Senator Watson, the Republican leader, said today that President Hoover would veto the \$2,100,000,000 unemployment relief bill and insist that congress stay in session until a new measure has been passed.

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—The \$2,100,000,000 compromise unemployment relief bill was finally approved today by house and senate conferees.

Indications, meanwhile, were increasing that President Hoover planned to veto the measure if the conference report is approved in its present form by the senate and house.

Representative Rainey, of Illinois, the Democratic leader, and a member of the conference committee said the report would be taken up tomorrow by the house.

The conferees approved the final draft of the compromise agreement.

### Senator Davis Will Introduce 3.2 Beer Bill

SHARON, Pa., July 5 (AP)—United States Senator James J. Davis says he plans to seek the passage of a bill providing for the manufacture of 3.2 per cent beer which he hopes to introduce to congress.

Describing the measure at the dedication of a public park yesterday the senator said: "I favor a plan which will permit breweries to make palatable beer and I believe this can be done by authorizing the treasury to issue permits for a 3.2 per cent beverage."

"This plan would not only provide work for thousands but would put millions of dollars in the federal treasury."

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—Senator Bingham told newspapermen today he planned to demand an immediate vote on his proposal to legalize 3.2 per cent beer.

The Connecticut Republican said he intended to call up during the day his amendment to the home loan bank bill to permit beer and that he expected opponents to move immediately to send it to a committee in an effort to kill it.

Such a move will be fought vigorously by the beer advocates. Bingham said, on the ground that committee has studied the beer question sufficiently in the past few months.

### WET BLOC TO MEET

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP)—The Republican house wet bloc has been called to meet tomorrow to consider plans for action on a 3.2 per cent beer bill introduced today by Representative Britten of Illinois.

### Akron Will Help Search for Yacht

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"Capitalism," Dreiser's statement said, "has failed as a system of government."

## STORM HITS AT CLOSE OF CELEBRATION

Washington, Kansas in Path of Twister—Many Buildings Levelled.

### CASUALTY LIST MORE THAN SCORE

Several Deaths Occur—Two Men Killed By Crashing Buildings at Town of Narka.

WASHINGTON, Kan., July 5 (AP)—Tornadic winds hedge-hopping across Southeastern Nebraska and Northern Kansas have killed at least three persons, injured more than a score and brought great damage to the town of Washington.

The angry clouds struck here late yesterday after previously raising the farm home of Mrs. F. E. Slagle, about 50, of near Hubbell, Neb. Mrs. Slagle was killed and her husband and their sons, Roy and Clyde, were injured.

Citizens of Washington and numerous visitors from nearby towns observed the sweep of the storm clouds near the close of an all day Fourth of July celebration. Governor Harry H. Woodring, who was to be the principal speaker, cancelled the engagement because of fatigue after his return yesterday from the Democratic national convention at Chicago.

Two dead at Narka  
Crashing buildings killed Peter Gillett, a retired mail carrier and Garret land Hubka, about 20, of Narka, Kan. The city of approximately 1500 persons immediately was thrown into complete chaos. Reports that two additional persons had been killed could not be verified early today.

Eight of the more seriously injured were taken to a City Center, Kan., hospital. Attaches of the hospital said today that none was in critical condition.

These injured included Alma Green, 15, Fairbury, Neb.; Alvin Sinitz, 19, Washington; Harry Fessler, Washington; Valter Houkska, 78, Washington; Mrs. Josephs Houkska, 68, Washington; Ruth Fleming, 20, Washington; Mona Hay, 19, Washington; and Mrs. Roy Pitcher, 29, of Washington.

Immediate attempts at rescue were started after the tornado struck, but such efforts were seriously hampered by a downpour of rain.

Power Lines Down  
The rain rained later in the evening, but complete darkness added to the uncertainty of rescue operations. All electric light service was halted. The wind also wrenched aside the municipal water tower and the water supply was interrupted.