

# MORE THAN 245 LIVES LOST IN NATION OVER FOURTH OF JULY

## Building Permit Total For Half Year \$15,828.00

Building permits for the first half of 1932 in La Grande stand at 28 in number calling for construction valued at \$15,828. This is the smallest half year total in La Grande over a period of many years.

The month of June saw nearly one-third of the building, with a value of \$5200. April was second largest with \$4750.

The last permit issued was on June 30 when H. L. Mohr took out a permit to alter and repair a home on Main avenue between Walnut and Oak streets, work to cost \$100.

## International Convention To Be Held in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., July 5 (Special).—The attention of those interested in international problems will be centered in Portland July 11 to 15, when the third biennial meeting of the Institute of International Relations, officially designated "Columbia Basin" session will bring experts here from the Far East, from Europe and from many sections of the United States, it is declared by Alfred Powers, dean of the extension division of the University of Oregon, who is executive secretary for the event.

The public will be specially invited to join with the session delegates at a series of evening meetings that will be held each night at 8 o'clock in Library hall, Dean Powers states. Speakers of international reputation have been selected for these sessions. Dr. Rufus B. von Klein-smid, president of the University of Southern California, will open the series Monday evening with an address on the work of the institute. He has been prominent in organization work on international affairs and is regarded as a world authority. On that night also Fred I. Kent of the Banker's Trust company of New York will talk on "The Political World."

"Round Table Methods in International Relations" will be the topic of Norman F. Coleman, president of Reed college, on Tuesday night. Mr. Kent will discuss "The Financial World" on this night also. Wednesday Dr. Charles K. Leth, of the University of Wisconsin will talk on "The Role of Minerals in International Affairs," and Dr. Chester Howell, editor of the San Francisco Chronicle and an authority on world affairs, will talk on "The Play of Forces in the Far East." "The Far East" will also be the topic of Hiroshi Akine, Japanese consul for Portland, on Thursday, while on this night Dr. Howell will talk on "The Prospects For Disarmament."

Dr. Alexander Goldenweiser, noted internationalist, will talk Friday on "The Problems of Peace," and T. Z. Koo, of Peking, China, will speak on China in World Affairs.

**Abuse**  
I am indignant when I hear something abused, not because crudely or ungracefully framed, but simply because it is modern.—Horacio

**In the South Seas**  
The expression "the South sea islands" is not definite, but refers to the islands in the southern and central part of the Pacific ocean.

**Business Nut**  
It is not the crook in modern business that we fear, but the honest man who doesn't know what he is doing.—Owen D. Young.

### UNION PERSONALS

**By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)**  
A small house in North Union known as the Carroll house was destroyed by fire Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Coulter who had been living there were thought to be camping near North Powder and the cause of the blaze is unknown. Neighbors smelled smoke and on investigation found the building a mass of flames. The fire alarm was sounded but there was nothing saved. The house was furnished.

Several of Gordon Cole's boy friends were invited in to help him celebrate his 11th birthday anniversary last Wednesday. Following an afternoon of games his mother served a lovely birthday cake and ice cream.

T. K. Winston, of Hood River, came in Thursday evening for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. John Noeline, and niece, Mrs. Vera Wright.

After visiting for a couple of weeks in Portland, Mrs. Lydia Collins returned to Union Tuesday.

The joint meeting and annual picnic of the Ladies Aid and Missionary society that was scheduled for this month on Catherine creek has been postponed until August.

A joint meeting of the two societies will be held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Brown on July 13.

Rev. R. C. Lee has promised to repeat one of his popular sermons, "In the Beginning, God," at the regular Sunday morning services of the Methodist church.

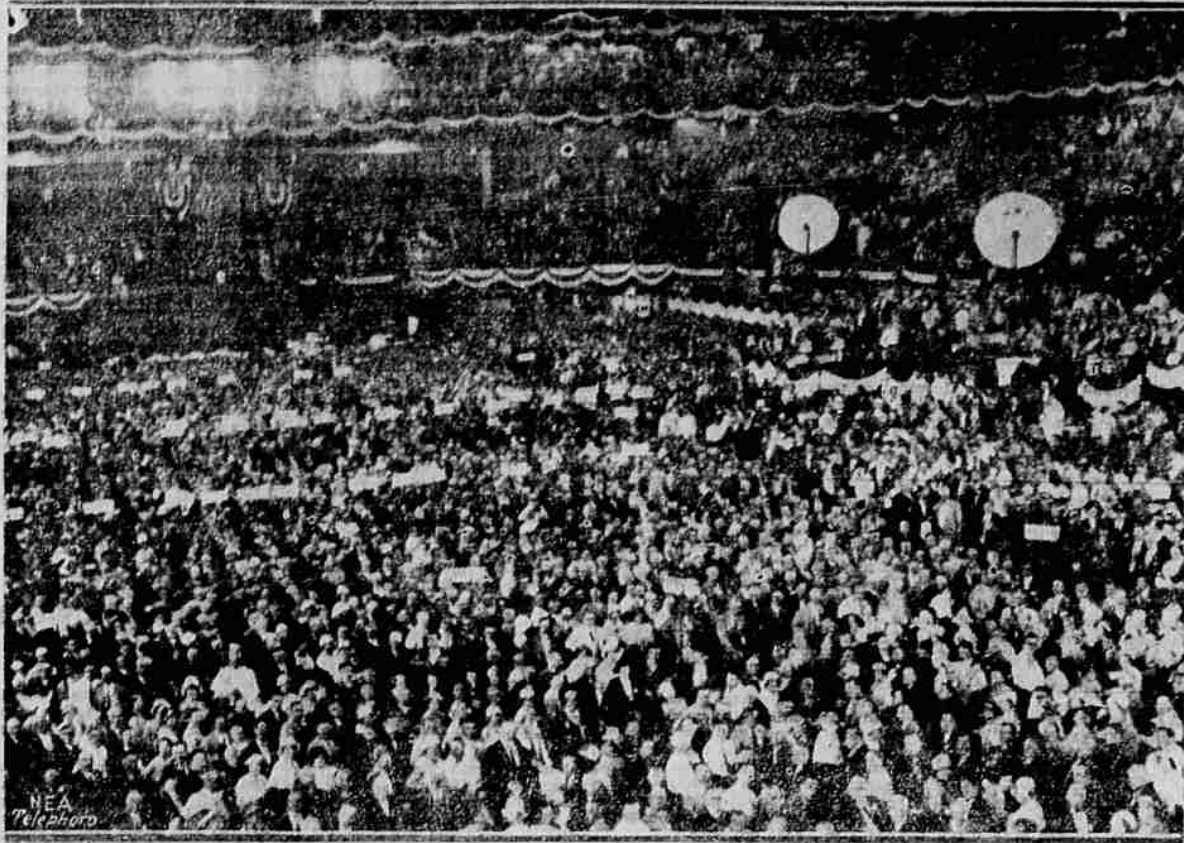
Members of the M. I. A. entertained at a swimming party and marshmallow roast at Cove Tuesday evening with about 30 young people present.

Officers continue to search for some evidence to solve the mystery surrounding the death of Tex Ricker, by a bullet nearly two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Paustian will leave tomorrow for a new location on a ranch about four miles from Unity. He has been employed by the state highway commission for some time.

Robert Lee and son Robert Jr. left Thursday for Seattle after a

## Telephoto Shows Opening of Democratic National Convention



Here is the opening of the 1932 Democratic national convention at Chicago stadium, transmitted by telephoto from Chicago to San Francisco and dispatched to the Observer. The official picture was taken just after Mayor Cermak made his speech of welcome in behalf of the city of Chicago.

## When Liquor Was Mentioned—Dems Broke Into First Demonstration



By wire comes the first picture of the first big demonstration at the Democratic national convention, forerunner, perhaps, of many others. This telephoto from Chicago to San Francisco shows the floor of Chicago during the tumult following Senator Barkley's keynote speech promise of solution of the prohibition question through a repeal question to state conventions.

ten-day visit with Rev. R. C. Lee at the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. Lee returned the Sunday previous.

Mrs. Ray Coles went to Weiser Thursday to spend a few days. The annual picnic given for the children of the Hebrews and Old Fellows was held at the park Wednesday with about 40 children and grown-ups present. The afternoon was spent in games after which cake, lemonade and ice cream were served.

Mrs. Don Gale and Donna Clair are visiting relatives in Cove.

Mrs. H. I. Baker and daughters, Mrs. Zeno Gatchell of Homedale, Ore., and Mrs. Ray Hildebrandt of Oakland, Cal., were guests of Mrs. Louise Bursell on Sunday.

Miss Maggie Bell moved into her new home, the George Gignac property which she recently bought, the first of this week. She had plumbing and other conveniences installed before moving in.

The majority of the members of the national guard returned Wednesday from their two weeks' encampment at Camp Clatsop. Some of the boys remained in Portland for a visit before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall accompanied by Miss Helen Johnson of Portland, Grant Bidley and Yung Ho Chiu, of Salem, were guests at the home of Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chadwick, at Union Junction, last Saturday. All were members of the International club at Willamette university where Mr. Hall was graduated this spring. Mrs. Hall will finish her course at the university this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutchinson have come from Tacoma for an indefinite stay at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hutchinson.

F. M. Littler accompanied by Ray Wilson of Imbrey, made a business trip to Eagle Creek on Thursday.

## 'COME TO ORDER' SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DEMANDS



There was no quiet sitting in seats when the Democratic national convention delegates gathered in Chicago Monday for opening session. It was not until Col. E. H. Riley, sergeant-at-arms, took the platform and pounded lustily that order could be secured. Telephoto shows Italy as he demanded order so the session could open.

Frank Haggerty returned Tuesday evening from Seattle where they were called Sunday by the serious illness of Joe Haggerty. His condition is considered very grave.

Mrs. J. E. Parent and sons, Vernon and Edward, came in from McCall, Idaho, Tuesday and are visiting her.

N. L. Ward, were hostesses to the daughter, Mrs. Irwin Parent, and family. Nook and Joe Parent who have been here for several months have returned to McCall for the summer.

Mrs. Fred Kiddle, of Island City and Mrs. Clyde Kiddle, of La Grande were guests of Mrs. Fannie Buiwell Tuesday.

Virginia Ward and her mother, Mrs. Ernest Paustian Mrs. Terrall and the hostesses.

## TOLL LESS THAN LAST YEAR WHEN OVER 500 DIED

Total Drownings Fall Off Considerably; Mid-West Reports the Greatest Fatalities.

By the Associated Press  
America celebrated the 156th anniversary of the birth of the nation at a cost of more than 245 lives. But the toll was only about half of that of 1931 when nearly 500 persons paid with their lives for their celebration of the Fourth of July. As in recent years, only a compar-

Table with 5 columns: Region, Fireworks, Automobiles, Drownings, Heat, Other Causes. Totals: 10, 119, 90, 0, 26.

The cool wave helped minimize the 1932 deaths in the three-day celebration Saturday, Sunday and Monday, as no fatalities due to the weather were reported, whereas in 1931 twenty-four died from this cause alone.

**SEEK BODIES OF NINE**  
TILLAMOOK, Ore., July 5 (AP).—None of the bodies of the nine persons drowned in the Pacific ocean here Sunday have yet been recovered.

Monday coast guardsmen, relatives of the dead and hundreds of volunteers patrolled the beach from dawn until dark but none of the bodies were sighted. Captain Robert Farley, officer in charge of the Barview coast guard station, expressed the opinion it probably would be a week before any of them would be washed ashore.

The nine who drowned were aboard the fishing launch Truxillo which capsized while crossing the Tillamook bar on an ebbing tide. Five other persons were rescued by coast guardsmen and volunteers who swam out from shore, through the heavy surf, and dragged them to safety.

The Truxillo was washed ashore half a mile north of the jetty. The boat's papers, also washed ashore, are being held by Captain Farley. C. W. Barrick, district attorney, has indicated he will arrange a hearing in an effort to fix responsibility for the tragedy.

By the Associated Press  
Fourth of July deaths on the Pacific coast, none of which was caused by fireworks, numbered 15 and brought the total for the three-day weekend holiday period to more than 50.

Drownings and automobile accident fatalities led the list of casualties. The largest number of deaths in a single tragedy was at Tillamook, Ore., where the toll of drownings as a result of the swamping of a fishing launch, increased to nine. Coast

actively few of those who died this year were the victims of fireworks, which caused but 10 deaths in all. Automobile accidents were the chief cause, one hundred and eleven being killed in motor mishaps.

Total drownings — 81 — for the nation fell off considerably from the previous year, when about 181 perished in the water, due in all probability to the fact that cool weather depopulated the beaches to a large extent.

More Dead in Mid-west  
The middlewest led all other sections of the country in the number of deaths with more than 90, of which 55 were due to automobile accidents and 31 to drownings. About 50 persons, mostly children, were injured by fireworks in Chicago.

Of the ten fatalities from fireworks, six occurred in Butte, Mont., where a pile of dynamite caps exploded. The following recapitulation shows the deaths and causes by sections:

## Beauty Swoons In Hutton Trial



As she testified to ardent wooing by David Hutton, husband of Almee Temple McTherson, Miss Myrtle Hazel Joan St. Pierre, pretty Pasadena nurse, collapsed on the witness stand during the trial of her \$100,000 heart claim suit against Hutton in Los Angeles. Here she is being attended by her sister, Mrs. Mildred McCaffery, after her collapse.

**Basis for Ruling**  
A Nebraska court rules that breathing is no test of life. The judge could cite Tennyson's "Ulysses."—"As though to breathe were life."—San Antonio Evening News.

**Among the Yule Gifts**  
If a housewife gave only what was seldom used to the poor, she could pass on some lovely guest towels.—Indianapolis Star.

**All in the Same Boat**  
The reason people are patient with statesmen is because they don't know what to do, either.—Bakersfield Californian.

**Think It Over**  
Sincerity consists in acting rightly on all occasions with a sincere desire and hearty mental determination.

**Beginning the Day**  
The day begins at the international date line, which corresponds practically to the 180th meridian from Greenwich.

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