

40-Hour Industrial Week Favored

DIRECTORS OF U.S. CHAMBER TAKE ACTION

Receive Request From Hoover to Aid in Decreasing Unemployment

HARRIMAN FINDS BUSINESS BETTER

Mid-West is Now the Sore Spot, President of Chamber Tells Chief Executive.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP) — A 40-hour week in industry today was recommended by the board of directors of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

President Hoover today sought the aid of the United States chamber of commerce in the move to decrease unemployment and spread business activity.

Henry I. Harriman, president, after a conference at the White House, said Mr. Hoover had suggested any aid his organization might lend the special business and industrial committees in decreasing unemployment, speeding railroad purchases, and aiding business recovery would be appreciated.

Harriman said he had reported to the president that "business is distinctly looking up, and there are signs of improvement in many sections but we are not sure how long this sweep will last."

"The midwest is now the sore spot," Harriman said he told the president. "In New England we have 100,000 textile workers on the job who were not working two months ago. The electric power business is a good indication, and September will show more business there than in the same period last year."

"Texas is happier and Southern California is doing more business than heretofore. For the first time in two years sales of real estate are picking up in Southern California. The midwest is the sore spot, but that will get better, too."

MOORE STILL AT LARGE; ONE LEAD IS FALSE

Belief that they had Fred Moore, escaped prisoner from the Union county jail, hemmed in in the mountains near Pendleton yesterday, was dispelled when Union and Umatilla county officers approached the man suspected of being Moore and found it to be a case of mistaken identity. Today officers were as much in the dark as ever as to the whereabouts of Moore, alleged slayer of E. L. Smith, U. P. railroad detective who was shot to death near Hilgard Aug. 4. Moore escaped from jail early Sunday morning.

Dead Youth May Have Sister Here

Belief that an unidentified boy about 15 years of age who fell from an eastbound freight train at Hood River Wednesday and was killed has a sister living in La Grande, was expressed by railroad authorities today. Two companions of the boy told authorities he had received a telegram from a mother in Arkansas telling of his father's death and urging him to return home.

The boy was 5 feet 6 inches tall, had black hair, blue eyes and dark complexion. The initials J. B. were marked with ticks in the heel of his shoe and the initials B. W. were stamped in his hat band.

WILLARD MARKS RESIGNS
ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 23 (AP) — Willard I. Marks, president of the Oregon state senate, announced today he will resign as senator from Linn county and accept appointment as federal referee in bankruptcy for the district comprising Linn, Marion and Lane counties.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday; no change in temperature; gentle changeable winds offshore.
Fair Sunday but cloudy on the coast.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m. — 46 above.
Minimum: 35 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 75, minimum 34 above.
Condition: Clear. Range: 41 degrees.

WEATHER SEPT. 23, 1931
Maximum 67, minimum 40 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range: 27 degrees.

Edward Tuckey Is Stricken By Heart Disease

Funeral Services Will Be Held Sunday Afternoon at 2 O'clock; Burial in Masonic Cemetery.

Edward Charles Tuckey, a resident of La Grande for about 30 years and very well known in business and industrial circles in this valley, died last night of heart disease at the Grande Ronde hospital, where he had been ill for the last few weeks.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary. Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery.

Mr. Tuckey had been in the type-writing business here for the last year, having a shop on Depot street. He was born in Paw Paw, Mich., Mar. 10, 1865 and was 67 years, six months and 12 days of age. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Martha Tuckey; one daughter, Nina LaFevier, of California; one son, Frank, of Cordova, Alaska, and one stepdaughter, Elsie Mason, of La Grande.

Although his illness was known, his death came as a sad shock to his wide circle of friends.

Wallowa Youth, Lost, Walks 40 Miles to Safety

By Mrs. C. A. Hunter (Observer Correspondent)

Ralph Silvers, 18-year-old Wallowa youth, for whom a search was started Wednesday when he failed to return from a deer hunting trip, was at home again today after walking 40 miles through rugged, mountainous country before reaching safety.

Ralph had gone to Powwaw, Tuesday with a party of deer hunters and when he did not return to camp in the evening, his companions spent the night searching and on Wednesday sent word to Wallowa asking for additional men to help in the search.

The searchers were recalled, however, when Ralph finally made his way into Troy, south of the Washington state line. The boy, who will graduate Nov. 8, will speak for the measure and Charles J. Shelton, of Baker, will be his opponent. Mr. Shelton is an attorney.

In addition to the debate, Walter M. Pierce, ex-governor and Democratic candidate for congress, will speak on the measures to be voted on in the November election.

The afternoon meeting is open to the public and anyone interested is urged to attend.

MEDICS OPPOSE BILL
KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 23 (AP) — The house of delegates at the Oregon state medical convention here today unanimously disapproved the Zorn-Macpherson school moving bill as harmful to the best interests of education in Oregon. Dr. E. L. Zimmerman, of Eugene, president of the society, proposed the action. It was decided to invite the Oregon State Federation of Professional Societies to join the opposition to the bill.

The federal government's withdrawal and limitation of military medicine and surgical courses at the University of Oregon medical school was both deplored and applauded at today's session. The general sentiment, however, was that the society should support the Oregon congressional delegation in its effort to retain this institution.

Four Injured In Wreck Doing Well

All four La Grande men who were injured in an automobile accident near Kamela yesterday morning are recovering satisfactorily today.

Martin Fitzgerald, the most seriously injured, underwent a knee operation yesterday and is doing well today. Henry Hess left the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday and M. G. Geller was to leave today. John Hodgins is expected to leave in a day or two.

Mrs. Gray Shoots Four-Point Buck

Mrs. Joe Gray's name is listed with the numerous of Union county today, by virtue of her feat in killing a 25 1/2 pound deer on Mt. Fannie Wednesday. The animal, a four-pointer, was brought to La Grande and placed on display in Wagner's Hardware store.

The deer, although not the largest shot in this vicinity this week, ranks as one of the largest.

OBSERVER'S CHAUTAUQUA ENDS TODAY

Final Cooking School Program This Afternoon at Sacajawea Inn.

LARGE CROWD AT THURSDAY CLASS

Miss Alice Gray, in Charge of School, Demonstrates The Three B's On Thursday.

The three B's, breakfast, brunch and broiling, were demonstrated with delicious results by Miss Alice Gray at the third program of the Observer Kitchen Chautauqua yesterday at the Sacajawea Inn at 9 o'clock. A large crowd attended the program and a great deal of interest was shown in Miss Gray's preparations of simple dishes with charming and pretty garnishes and decorations. The final

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MUSIC GROUPS AT L. H. S. ORGANIZED

Large Membership in All Divisions — Officers Elected During Week

Officers have been elected for the band, the orchestra and the girls' glee club at the La Grande High school, and work in these organizations and the boys' glee club is well under way now under the supervision of Andrew Loney Jr.

Membership in all four divisions is unusually good, with 103 girls in the glee club, 51 boys in the glee club, 35 members in the band and 25 in the orchestra.

The band began rehearsals the first week of school and glee clubs and

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LEGION DRUM CORPS PLANS BONE-S PARADE

Skeletons will rattle down Adams avenue Saturday night to the martial strains of the American Legion drum corps, when the Bone-S army stalks again preceding a benefit dance at Zuber hall at 9 o'clock. The Bone-S army, which is composed of members of the drum corps, will be on the streets soon after 8 o'clock and will go through the stunts presented at the national American Legion convention where they placed first in the 46 and 8 parade.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to cover the expenses of their recent trip to the convention.

William's Troubadours will furnish intermission numbers. Members are Raymond O. Williams, Charles Froese, L. C. Morehead and Clifford Frogg.

Plans for the dance were completed when H. H. Richardson, chairman of the finance committee, H. T. Smith, Norman Desilet, Cecil Wagner, Raymond O. Williams met last night.

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Curtis Expects Nation to Stand By Pres. Hoover

Regards Wisconsin Vote As Indicative of Trend, He Says During Southern Campaign.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 23 (AP) — Vice President Curtis sees the Republican nomination in Tuesday's Wisconsin primary as indications that "the people are going to stand by the president."

He passed through Nashville today en route from Chattanooga to Bowling Green, Kentucky, on his political campaign.

"I am glad to see the regulars nominated because it shows the people are going to stand by the president," he said with reference to the balloting in Wisconsin. "The sweeping victory of the two regulars shows the trend of the country."

He referred to Walter J. Kohler who defeated Gov. Phil LaFollette for the gubernatorial nomination and John B. Chapple who won the senatorial nomination over Senator John J. Blaine.

Predicts Early Recovery

Before a large crowd at Chattanooga last night, the 72-year-old vice president said he opposed cancellation of foreign war debts and declared the United States would be the "first large country to recover from the depression."

Curtis said there had been 17 depressions in the history of the United States "and each time we have come out stronger than before."

"We realize," he said, "that this is a world wide depression and know that anything to improve conditions in other parts of the world will help our own country. We are, therefore, ready to help other countries in every way possible. . . . But this does not mean a cancellation of our foreign debts."

HOOPER TO SPEAK AT FAIR GROUNDS

CHICAGO, Sept. 23 (AP) — President Herbert Hoover's opening campaign speech at Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 4, will be given in the Iowa state fair grounds amphitheatre—the only place in the city large enough to accommodate the expected crowd.

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Last of Grange Fair Awards Are Announced Here

F. L. Sherman, of La Grande, won the family ticket to the Liberty theatre with the largest family attending the Grange Fair and Home Products show on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Recreational hall. Mr. Sherman attended with 10 fine, healthy children.

Allie M. Gorham travelled the longest distance, coming 40 miles from his home near North Powder, to attend. Mrs. A. W. Hasse, of Union, entered 85 sheep and won the award offered to the person having the largest farm flock of sheep. The prize for the person having the most hogs of the district, won by Clyde Kiddie, of La Grande, who has 350.

C. B. Robinson, of La Grande has 60 dairy cows and received the award for that distinction.

J. E. Witherspoon, of Cricket Flat, was awarded a prize for having three children in Four-H club work, the largest number reported. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pratt, of Imbler, have three

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PARTY LINES TO GIVE WAY, F. R. PREDICTS

Governor F. D. Roosevelt Speaks Briefly During California Trip.

HALFWAY POINT ON JOURNEY REACHED

Democratic Candidate Will Continue East From Los Angeles, Stopping at Phoenix Next.

By Walter T. Brown (Associated Press Staff Writer)
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23 (AP) — With a prediction party lines would be broken "more than ever before in history" in the November elections, Governor Roosevelt today carried his campaign to within 35 miles of the legal residence of President Hoover, whom he hopes to succeed in the White House.

The Democratic nominee's statement that liberal Republicans were giving a "remarkable response" to his plea to forget party lines, was coupled with praise for Senator Hiram Johnson, California Independent Republican who has often clashed with President Hoover.

Shortly before he was welcomed by great San Francisco throngs last night, the New York governor in Sacramento described Johnson as "long a warrior in the ranks of true American progress" and endorsed his

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15 Independents Seeking Offices

SALEM, Sept. 23 (AP) — Fifteen independent candidates have filed to date for various national, state and district offices in Oregon, the largest number of independents in recent years, it was announced today by David O'Hara, election clerk in the secretary of state's office. These are in addition to candidates named by five political parties organized under the laws of the state for the general election this year, and the non-party judicial ticket.

Filings of three more candidates were received by the state department today. Opportunity to file for offices closes here tonight.

Tioga Fire Under Control, Report

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 23 (AP) — After burning over about 10,000 acres of old burns and green timber belonging to the government, the Tioga fire has been brought under control. Some of the fire fighters have been released.

The fire broke out about 12 days ago.

Nude Body Found Hidden In Ditch

MERIDIAN, Miss., Sept. 23 (AP) — The nude body of Miss Jerline McNeill, 40, was found hidden in a ditch near here today with knife wounds in the breast. Bloodhounds led officers to the home of a negro known only as Dudley Roberts.

They hurried him away to a secret jail after finding bloody clothing in the house.

Miss McNeill left home late yesterday to search for lost cows.

Northwest Asks R. F. C. Aid

Seeks to Stimulate Sale of Oregon Products in the Los Angeles Zone

To stimulate a greater sale of Oregon products in Los Angeles, and of Los Angeles products in Oregon, Albert W. Weigel, domestic trade commissioner of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, is in La Grande today to hold conferences with the officials of the La Grande chamber of commerce and local business men.

"We can rapidly accelerate each other's development by a more constant interchange of our products," Mr. Weigel said. Los Angeles has become the largest customer for food products in the west as evidenced by the fact that its fruit and vegetable purchases from Oregon increased from 238 carloads in 1929 to 824 carloads in 1931. Los Angeles butter purchases last year amounted to 2,217,776 pounds; cheese, 4,508,451 pounds; and eggs, 13,831 cases each amount equal or larger than any previous year, dressed poultry, 1,344,703 pounds; and 30 per cent and eggs almost 200 per

Mr. Weigel stated that authorities estimate that Los Angeles purchased almost 25,000 head of Oregon cattle, calves, hogs and sheep. That possibly producers of hogs in Oregon are overlooking the Los Angeles demand which sometimes reaches far into the middle west for its hog supply is the opinion of the domestic trade expert.

Through the ports of the California city was received 163,964,000 feet of Oregon lumber and millions of dollars of furniture, other forest products, canned and packed foods, grain, flour and other produce with no figures available as to the amount received by rail.

The Los Angeles chamber of commerce thoroughly appreciates the fact that western states are buying tremendous quantities of its manufactured products and have helped that city to become an industrial center, the visitor added. Data from United States government sources show an annual production of \$1,050,000,000 of practically all types of manufactured products and more than 6000 factories in the Los Angeles industrial zone, and Mr. Weigel feels that the west is mutually benefited by the reciprocity.

"The Los Angeles chamber of commerce will be very glad to assist your producers and show them how to secure more business in Los Angeles, as it has done in the past," he stated. "Naturally, we expect your people to give preference to your own manufactured products, but we want you to buy in Los Angeles when you are seeking an outside source of supply."

Mr. Weigel is spending a month in the state, and while in La Grande may be reached through the chamber of commerce.

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Farm Strike Spreading

GANDHI



Mahatma Gandhi, who began a hunger strike early this week, may not have to continue foodless until death. Indian leaders are attempting to settle difficulties which caused Gandhi to begin the protest.

TRADE RECOVERY HOLDING UP WELL

Seasonal Gains in Retail, Wholesale Lines Sustained During Week.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (AP) — The weekly mercantile reviews today said that seasonal recovery in retail and wholesale trade had been sustained this week.

Bradstreet's weekly reported the general opinion in its comments from 55 leading cities was "that business is slowly beginning a fundamental recovery."

"That this recovery can only be slow is generally realized; there are still complicated problems for which no satisfactory solutions have been found. But the marked trend away from abject despair and towards a sober but confident attitude is highly encouraging."

Although retail trade in general is indicated as spotty, said the review, fall goods have met a fairly good demand, especially in department stores. Wholesale and light manufacturing lines are seasonally busy, although collections have not yet shown marked improvement.

"The general movement toward increased business activity," stated Dun's, "has experienced no reverse, although there was a general leveling of gains this week with volume spreading in some directions. The rising confidence in fall trade, encouraged by an active consumer response for higher-priced merchandise, has brought about a new faith. The hardening of prices . . . is awakening manufacturers, distributors and consumers to a realization of the changed conditions."

RELOCATION OF PACIFIC ROAD IS UNDER WAY

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 23 (AP) — Relocation of the Pacific highway at Rice hill, Douglas county, to eliminate one of the most dangerous stretches of the entire system is being started by a surveying crew directed by E. E. Umphlette, location engineer, according to E. A. Collier, division engineer in South Oregon. It is planned, Collier states, to relocate approximately one mile of the highway, reducing steep grades and doing away with the present sharp turns, which in the past have been responsible for many serious accidents.

The plan would involve the extension of between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000 credit to China for the purchase of the wheat, half of which would be shipped as flour in order to give Pacific northwest millers a share of the business, Shumway said. Proponents of the plan believe the sale would boost the price of wheat paid to growers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Shumway said that if the sale cannot be made through credit arrangements, growers of the three Pacific northwest states, who have been hold-

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Admiral Resigns From Legion Due To Bonus Stand

Sims Protests Immediate Payment Request; U. S. Chamber of Commerce Against Cash Payment.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 23 (AP) — Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N. (retired) today made public a letter to the commander of the American Legion in which he resigned as an honorary member of the legion in protest against the legion's stand on the soldiers' bonus.

Admiral Sims commanded the American naval forces in European waters during the World war. He is a member of the national advisory council of the National Economy league, an organization dedicated to reduction of government costs.

In the letter addressed to the national commander of the American Legion, Indianapolis, Ind., Admiral Sims wrote:

"When the national organization of the American Legion did me the honor of making me one of its honorary members I was assured that its governing body would maintain the patriotic ideals expressed in the preamble of its constitution, that it would continue to 'inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, the state and the nation.'"

"As it now appears that the action on the bonus taken by the legion in its recent national convention at a time of national distress in direct repudiation of these ideas, I feel that I can no longer retain my membership."

"It is with great regret that I am obliged to tender my resignation for I had hoped that this great organization would take advantage of its political power to promote the benefit of the nation; that it would carry out its declared intention to 'make right the master of might.'"

IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OPPOSED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP) — Immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus was opposed today by directors of the chamber of commerce of the United States as something that

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Farmer Charged With Murder Of 2-Year Stepson

HARRISBURG, Ark., Sept. 23 (AP) — Herman Ledbetter, 81-year-old farmer, was captured today and charged with the murder of his two-year-old stepson who was beaten to death near here Thursday.

Scores of citizens joined the search for him following the issuance of a first degree murder warrant on the complaint of his wife whom he married a year ago.

Loula Minton, deputy prosecutor for Polk county, said Ledbetter disappeared early Thursday after taking home the mutilated body of the stepson, Lee Powell. The farmer told his wife the boy fell from a wagon and was crushed by the wheels.

She refused to accept her husband's story of accidental death and notified officers.

A coroner's jury returned a verdict that the boy was beaten to death by his stepfather.

Mrs. Ledbetter told the jury her husband had often beaten her son into unconsciousness.

"He whipped the child twice before he put him in his wagon and drove to the woods," she testified.

Airplane Altitude Record Confirmed

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP) — The world's airplane altitude record established last week at Bristol by Captain Cyril Uwha, British flier, was confirmed by the Royal Aero club today. The official figures gave the altitude reached by Capt. Uwha as 43,978 feet.

Expect Recovery Of Mrs. W. E. Borah

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 23 (AP) — Prospects of an early recovery of Mrs. William E. Borah, suffering from psittacosis or parrot fever, increased today as her temperature decreased to normal and the congestion in her lungs abated.

Dr. Ralph Falk, her physician, said her prospects of recovery were good and increasing.

The parrot fever serum was dispatched to Boise last night via airmail by Surgeon General Hugh Cummings at Washington, D. C.

Wireless Operator Is Electrocuted

YONKERS, N. Y., Sept. 23 (AP) — Harold W. Powikes, 24-year-old negro amateur wireless operator, who was the first man to establish contact with Little America, was electrocuted last night as he was repairing his radio apparatus.

Powikes, who worked at night as a janitor in the Herald-Statesman building, was known for his ability to send messages to all parts of Africa.

GEORGIA MEN IN MOVE TO HOLD MILK

New York, New Jersey, Vermont and Pennsylvania May Join Strike

PRICE INCREASES SECURED ALREADY

Milo Reno, Des Moines, States "No Farm Movement Has Ever Spread Like This One."

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 23 (AP) — Farmers at points as widely scattered as Atlanta, Ga., and North Dakota moved today to join the selling strike under way in Iowa for more than a month.

Milk producers in New York and parts of New Jersey, Vermont and Pennsylvania were reported to be considering holding their products from the metropolitan market and at Atlanta the Georgia milk producers' federation ordered its members in 30 counties to stop shipments to distributors in Atlanta.

In Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa thousands of farmers aided the non-selling movement with action which ranged from peaceful talks with neighbors to violence in stopping trucks on highways and removing their cargoes of farm products.

Progress Please Reno

"The progress of the movement was extremely pleasing to Milo Reno of Des Moines, president of the national farmers' holiday association, he said. In a speech before the Iowa farmers' union convention which closed here yesterday, he declared:

"No farm movement has ever spread like this one. I have received letters of encouragement and promises of cooperation from Holland and other European countries and from every state in the union."

He pointed to increases in milk prices paid to producers at Omaha, Sioux City, St. Paul, and other points and to gains in livestock prices and said they gave proof that the holiday movement was effective.

The union gave unanimous approval of the strike movement and urged that its members cooperate in furthering it.

Reno yesterday also called a meeting of holiday leaders to plan a demonstration by 20,000 farmers before President Hoover when he appears

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WOMAN KILLS COMPANION AND WOUNDS HUSBY

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 23 (AP) — Mrs. Irene Etter, 37, daughter of a retired Norristown, Pa., financier and known as a huntress and marksman, shot and critically wounded her husband, killed her young woman companion, and then committed suicide today.

The husband, Earl Etter, 43, a traveling construction superintendent, was shot twice as he entered the bedroom of his apartment.

Clad only in pajamas Mrs. Etter then ran to the nearby home of her parents, where her companion, Miss Cleveland Smith, 26, a department store sales girl, was visiting.

Chasing her to the rear yard, police said, Mrs. Etter shot her twice and with the last bullet in her pistol killed herself. Miss Shinn died four hours later.

Police had not established the motive. Members of Mrs. Etter's family denied reports she had been jealous of Miss Shinn, but said she had been brooding over the death of her mother three months ago.

Curtis To Speak At Lewiston, Ida.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 23 (AP) — Vice President Charles Curtis will give two campaign addresses in Idaho and one train platform speech. Republican state headquarters have announced.

He will speak in Lewiston the afternoon of Oct. 12 and from there will come to Boise for a 15 minute stop Oct. 13. That night he will speak in Pocatello.

From Pocatello Mr. Curtis will go to Ogden and Salt Lake City Oct. 14 and 15.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Sept. 23 (AP) — Selling here against purchasing in other markets tumbled Chicago wheat prices back late today and more than wiped out previous gains.

Export demand for North American wheat was less active, new business totaling but 300,000 to 400,000 bushels. Argentina's wheat area was unofficially estimated at 2,000,000 acres in excess of last year.

Wheat closed unsettled, 1/4 @ 1/20 under yesterday's finish, corn also 1/4 @ 1/20 down, oats 1/4 @ 1/20 up, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents lower.