

Grangers of Union County To Hold Picnic Saturday

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FACTOR PAYS CASH TO KIDNAPERS

Freight Business On U. P. Continues To Improve Here

MANY RETURN TO WORK IN LAST 6 WEEKS

Estimate From 40 to 45 More Men Employed By Railroad in La Grande

WORK TRAIN BUSY ON BRANCH LINE

Expected Big Movement of Wheat — Both East and West — is Yet to Begin, Reports Say.

Movement of freight on the Union Pacific system through Eastern Oregon continues to gain, and during the last six weeks the improvement has been so marked as to result in many additional men being put to work. A rough estimate would place the number at between 40 and 45. Of this number, 13 were firemen and 24 were brakemen. The gain has been so marked that it is authoritatively stated that there are more men on the U. P. payroll in La Grande at present than during any period in the last year.

Another important factor in the situation at present is that a work train is now busy on the branch line between La Grande and Joseph, doing repair work, etc., and soon it will be transferred to the mainline. Several years ago, it was not uncommon for two or three work trains to be in action each summer, but during the last two or three years, only one work train was on the job — until this summer.

The pick-up is almost entirely in the freight movement. On top of that, the big movement of wheat ex-

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Swim Week Will Begin Monday At Pine Cone Pool

The second of a series of swim weeks conducted by the Porpoise club, local Red Cross lifesaving corps, will be held at Pine Cone swimming pool beginning Monday, July 17, it was announced today.

There will be four classes of instruction — beginners, elementary swimming, advanced swimming and lifesaving. Woodrow Dammell and Harvey Carter, who have just completed a Red Cross course of swimming and lifesaving in Olympia, Wash., will be in charge of the swim week. The beginners' class will be taught by Miss Helene Price.

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THAT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

Tuesday the Observer published a story about the typographical error and yesterday on the front page one of these errors managed to evade proofreading. In the story about the First National bank a six digit number from the \$100,000 indebtedness as of March 1 leaving the amount in the story at only \$18,000. Although elsewhere it stated that \$125,000 the indebtedness had been wiped out, making it very obvious that an error had been made.

In spite of the fact that it was obvious that the \$18,000 figure was in error, the Observer wishes to correct this—it should have read \$188,000.

STOCK POPULATION GAINS IN 40 YEARS

Livestock in Union county, with the exception of horses and mules, have increased in number during the last two score years. An old La Grande Chronicle, taken from a sheepherder's abandoned cabin back of Hilgard and bearing the date Oct. 28, 1892, gives the assessment roll of the county, including number of livestock in the county at that time. Probably most interesting is the fact that cattle numbered 18,032 in 1892 compared with 24,921 at present, according to the federal census. This represents a gain of about 33 per cent. An even greater gain was made by sheep and lambs, which number about 47,600 at present, compared with 20,320 in 1892, a gain of more than 200 per cent.

The latest census figures do not list the number of horses and mules in Union county, but they are known to be quite a bit below the 1892 figure, which was 11,456. Tractors and automobiles are the cause of the decrease, of course. Swine in 1892 numbered 3912, and it is believed that the present figure is greatly in excess of the old mark. The 1892 assessment roll showed net taxable property in the county to be \$3,519,735, compared with \$3,871,005 for the year 1891.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 12 — I see by the papers where my old governor friend, Bill Murray, of Oklahoma, called out the national guard to keep the folks from voting for beer. Now he will have to call out the U. S. army to keep the folks from celebrating the voting of beer. The London conference has decided to hold for two more weeks in order for the hotels to kinder play even on the thing, and give the American delegation a little golf against the prince of Wales. There is nothing as sad, forlorn and forgotten in the world as a delegation returning from a conference. We have forgot how who we sent over, Yours, Will Rogers.

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ELECT DELEGATES TO ATTEND LEGION MEET AT KLAMATH

John R. Garity, post commander; Fred B. Read, adjutant, and C. J. Shorb were elected delegates to attend the convention of the state department of the American Legion at Klamath Falls on Aug. 10, 11 and 12, when the local post No. 43 met last night at 8 o'clock at the Scajawawa Inn. The nomination of new officers was set over until the next meeting of the post. The members of the post joined the auxiliary for a children's program.

State Requests New School Here On EON Campus

Governor Meier's reconstruction advisory board, which is organizing the Oregon public works program for submission to federal authorities for loans, Wednesday announced in Portland, according to word received here, that it has received applications for more than \$2,000,000 of such projects in addition to the \$3,600,000 Oregon Coast highway bridge program. At its meeting yesterday the board received tentative applications from the state board of higher education for approval of a \$1,000,000 program, to include a \$36,000 gymnasium at Ashland Normal, \$130,000 training school at La Grande Normal, \$100,000 infirmary and \$350,000 library at the University of Oregon at Eugene, \$100,000 infirmary at Oregon State college at Corvallis and a \$300,000 psychopathic ward addition to the University of Oregon medical school at Portland.

BIG SCOUT EVENT IS BEING PLANNED

At some nearby date, probably next week, the annual Boy Scout court of honor and picnic at Pine Cone will be held, it was announced today. This plan was inaugurated last year and was so successful it was decided to make it an annual event. Parents will bring lunches and stunts and program are being planned. All arrangements are being worked out by Harvey Carter and Norman Frees.

18TH GRANGE PICNIC TO BE ON SATURDAY

Annual Event to be Held At Eastern Oregon Experiment Station

BASKET DINNER AT NOON PLANNED

Judging Contest Also On Program; Professors G. R. Hyslop and P. M. Brandt to Speak.

The 18th annual Union county grange picnic will be held Saturday, all day, at the Eastern Oregon experiment station near Union, and with favorable weather promises to be one of the biggest gatherings of its kind in the history of the county. The picnic grounds in a grove adjacent to the administrative building, which easily accommodates several hundred people. Picnic dinners, in addition to making ample room for a program meeting of the same proportions. The program for Saturday opens at 10 o'clock with a basket dinner at noon. Judging contests will be held in the afternoon. Professors G. R. Hyslop and P. M. Brandt will speak.

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First Three Swim Weeks Is Closed at Cove

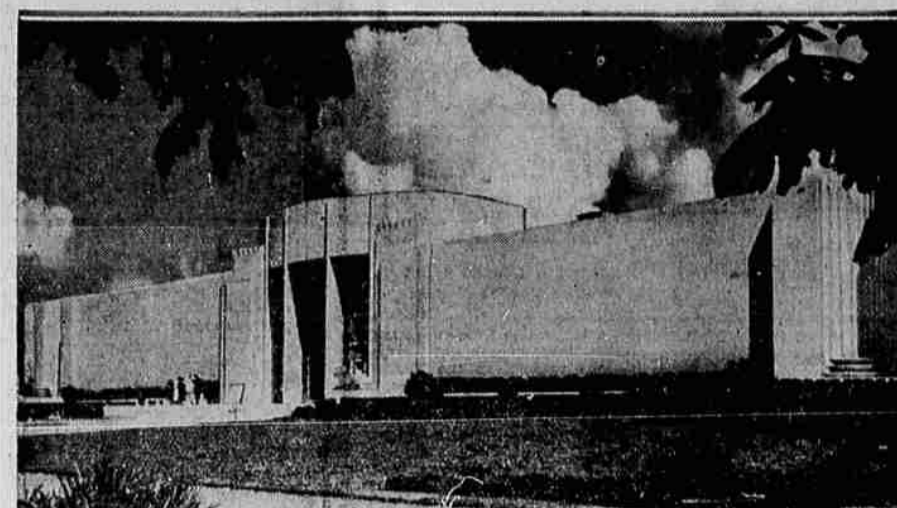
The first of three swim weeks to be held this summer closed last night at Cove with 18 passing various tests. Misses Myrtle Hoyt and Marguerite K. Kautz offer the course of instructions which included 10 evenings of swimming.

Walter Dahl was the only one to pass the senior lifesaving test. Fred Herzog and Betty Vogel, the latter of Union, passed the junior test. Swimmers tests were mastered by Arlene Conrad, Virginia Davis, Monte and Dick Lottes. Beginners who completed the requirements were Pauline Conrad, Judith Victor, Billy Wagner, Martha Jane Clark, Jean Hyde, Kathryn Davis and Inez Trawl, of Grandy; Imogene White and Charles Betty, of Cove, and Betty Estes, of Portland.

International Affairs—In Six Installments



Seattle Boasts Fine New Art Museum



A new Seattle art museum, built in Volunteer Park, is the latest addition to Seattle civic institutions. It is the gift of Dr. Richard E. Fuller and his mother.

PIERCE TO SPEAK AT THE DALLES ON DEMO. PICNIC DAY

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Walter M. Pierce will not be able to attend the picnic to be given here Sunday for General Charles H. Martin, his fellow congressman. He revealed this yesterday while on a visit to Portland from his home at La Grande. He greatly regrets the fact, especially so because he was scheduled to make one of the four addresses of the day. But he has found he has a previous engagement and will spend next Sunday at The Dalles, he said. At The Dalles on Saturday, he said, there will be a convention of rural mail carriers, and he had promised to make his appearance there on Sunday. Having the prior engagement, he just cannot "make" the Martin picnic at Viking park—no matter how sorry he is about it all.

But before he departed for home

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CARS COLLIDE ON ADAMS AVE.

Cars driven by Mrs. C. M. Campbell, 2014 Adams avenue, and an unidentified man figured in a traffic accident on Adams avenue at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No one was hurt.

Oregon National Guard Sick Bill 4 Cents Per Man

SALEM, July 13 (AP)—The Oregon national guard is among the healthiest in the nation, war department figures received at the guard headquarters here today revealed. The sick cost per man for the end of the fiscal year was but four cents. The national average was 50 cents. The guardsmen of Oregon rated fourth in the entire United States, in the health program, with South Dakota, Kentucky and Vermont trailing them on the list.

EAGLES TO SEND WINNERS TO CITY

The winners in the recent Eagles broadcast contest, Gene Bassett and Bert Wardell, vocalists, and the Blue Mountain Cowboys, will go to Portland on July 28, 29 and 30, where negotiations are under way to broadcast at leading stations there, according to information given today by Arthur Bremer and Roy Case. The Eagles will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the hall, and the proposed journey will be discussed. Arrangements for the Eagles' picnic at Cove on Sunday will be complete at 8 o'clock on Sunday.

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WASHINGTON TO RECEIVE MORE CODES

Steel Industry is Preparing its "Fair Competition" Plans Today.

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Preparations for harboring more industries and businesses under the industrial recovery law had Washington humming today, while President Roosevelt kept tab on production and employment developments. Governor Clifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, took a personal report to the White House on unemployment having decreased four per cent in Pennsylvania since the start of the year. Hugh B. Johnson, industrial administrator, said the "fair competition" code to govern the steel industry would be submitted by nightfall. Like the many others being or to be formulated, it will propose minimum wages and maximum hours for the industry.

Meanwhile, fearful lest increased production get out of the bounds of the ability of people to buy and constitute a threat to business progress, the administration is considering what if anything can be done on that problem. Johnson stopped in on a group representing the national retail council, central organization of most retail organizations, and on coming out, in replying to questions, said it looked as though this group would submit a definite code very shortly. A group of clothing manufacturers set up headquarters in a hotel and began the task of determining minimum wages and maximum working hours for their industry. The committee of the National

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URGENT HOCKLEY AS REGIONAL LEADER

PORTLAND, July 13 (AP)—Appointment of C. C. Hockley, Portland engineer, as regional public works administrator for Oregon, was urged in a telegram sent last night to Secretary of the Interior Ickes by Congressman Pierce and Martin and C. O. Dorough, chairman of the Democratic central committee. The three also urged appointment without delay of J. P. Lipscomb as manager of the Oregon branch of the Home Owners' association.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 13 (AP)—Except for incorrigible enthusiasts for \$2 a bushel wheat, about all grain traders showed willingness today to take time to breathe, and prices averaged lower. All grains except oats, nevertheless, edged up a few times for first top record prices. Fever to purchase calmed down in the rye market after a transient early advance of about 2 cents. Advances from Argentina about the rye crop there was the largest in several years. Wheat closed easy, 1/2¢ under yesterday's finish, rye 3/4¢ off, corn unchanged to 1/2¢ lower, oats at 1/2¢ decline, and provisions showing setbacks of 5 to 25 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

STRIKE AT KIDNAPERS DEPENDS ON EXECUTIVES LINDBERGH ON GROUND ITALIAN FLIERS IN N. B.

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—The administration is drawing up legislation for submission to the next session of congress to deal more drastically with racketeers, kidnapers and other criminals.

SALEM, July 13 (AP)—The success of the federal emergency recovery measures enacted to rehabilitate industry and reestablish prosperity over the country, hinges entirely upon the efficiency and judgment with which the acts are administered, declares Representative James Mott, congressman from the first Oregon district, who returned home from Washington last night.

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, July 13 (AP)—Unfavorable flying weather along the Newfoundland coast prevented Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh from leaving here for Cartwright, Labrador, today on their aerial mapping expedition.

CHICAGO, July 13 (AP)—Representatives of printing employers' associations met today to formulate a code for submission to the federal government under the national industrial recovery act.

SHORTER HOURS AND MORE PAY IS AMERICAN PLAN

LONDON, July 13 (AP)—The American delegation presented a resolution to the economic commission of the world economic conference today calling for shorter hours of labor and an increase in wages in proportion to the rise in prices. Sam D. McReynolds, of Tennessee,

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TRIAL OF TWO IS DELAYED ONE DAY

GRANTS PASS, July 13 (AP)—John Barrier and Harry Bowles, the friends of the highway, who together shot State Policeman Milo Baucom to death, are enemies in the courtroom as they go on trial separately for their lives. Called up together for the start of their first degree murder trial before Judge Harry D. Norton here this morning, it was disclosed first that they elected to stand trial separately and second that their defense attorney, J. N. Johnston, of Grants Pass, would not be able to handle both cases because of the conflict in the interests of the two defendants. Upon the announcement Judge Norton appointed as attorney, W. T. Miller, of Grants Pass to defend Barrier, the younger of the two prisoners, and the state through District Attorney Sherman S. Smith elected to try Barrier first as the admitted wielder of the cheap revolver that blasted out Baucom's life. Declaring that he could not proceed immediately lacking both preparation and the co-operation of the other defense attorney, Miller asked for and received the delay of one day in the opening of the trial.

CLIFF CONRAD HAS OPERATION

Clifford Conrad, of Egin, underwent a major operation this morning at the Grande Ronde hospital.

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FREED AFTER PAYING OUT \$50,000 SUM

Kidnaped Millionaire Released in LaGrange, Ill.; Tells of Mistreatment.

GRANDCHILDREN OF PRESIDENT GUARDED

John J. O'Connell Jr. Still Captive; Omaha Woman Foils Attempt to Take Her Prisoner.

CHICAGO, July 13 (AP)—Threatened with death by kidnapers who held him prisoner for 12 days, John O'Connell, the market speculator, was back home with his family today, but was in a serious condition, suffering from a nervous breakdown. He disclosed that \$50,000 was paid in \$5 and \$10 bills to his kidnapers as the price of his freedom. Released just before midnight last night in suburban LaGrange, the usually debonaire O'Connell, who is reputed to have made "big money" in the markets, told a story of mistreatment by his captors. Unshaven, and ill-appearing in other respects, the man who is wanted by the British government for an alleged \$7,000,000 swindle in England, approached Policeman Cortez and Policeman Gerard, of River Forest, at the main business intersection in LaGrange and announced: "I'm John Factor."

A farm house, northwest of Chicago overrun with cockroaches was believed by Factor to have been his place of imprisonment, but he was not certain because during the entire period of his captivity he was blindfolded with tape, which was not removed until a few minutes before his release.

GUARD F. R.'S GRANDCHILDREN

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Concerned over kidnappings, the secret

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President Backs Plan For Dam On Columbia River

PORTLAND, July 13 (AP)—Construction of a dam on the Columbia river for development of navigation, power and to assure flood control, is favored by President Roosevelt, according to a special dispatch from Washington, D. C., printed in the Oregonian today. This dam would be between Tide-water and the mouth of the Snake river. It would be financed from the rivers and harbors fund. The work would be done without cost to the state of Oregon, the money supplied by the federal government which would own the project and repay the federal fund from operating revenues.

LUTHERANS TO HOLD SERVICE AT CITY PARK

Members and friends of the Zion Lutheran church will gather at Riverside park Sunday morning for their annual out-door service and congregational picnic. The regular Sunday morning worship service will be held in the pavilion at 11 o'clock, followed by a picnic dinner at noon. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this picnic service, and those who attend are asked to bring their dinner to put on the table with those of the rest of the congregation. There will be no Sunday school services Sunday morning, but the children of the Sunday school and their parents are urged to come to the park for the service at 11.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Each day as the Inquiring Reporter makes the rounds two persons will be stopped at random on the street corner and asked some question of the day. Through the courtesy of Manager C. M. Wright each interviewed will be granted two complimentary tickets to the Liberty Theatre. The current attraction is Robert Montgomery and Sally Eilers in "Made on Broadway." A number of American painters have formed the Advanced American Art commission, to protect native artists from competition of "mediocre" foreigners, advancing the "Buy American" movement another step. Mrs. P. L. Robinson, 102 Hemlock, says "Buy American" always — not only American but our own home products in our own town. Too many people are buying non-American products."

Miss Mildred Smith, 1511 Adams avenue, says, "Of course, I believe that people should buy American made products when they are available, but to buy a nationally made or even a locally made product when it is of inferior grade is nonsense. People will buy American if the quality of the product is maintained at a sufficiently high level.