

# Grange Fair-Home Products Show To Be Sept. 28

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# LA GRANDE GETS HOME LOAN OFFICE

## OFFICE WILL BE OPENED IN THIS CITY

Eugene and Klamath Falls Also Selected For Branch Offices.

## HEADQUARTERS ARE IN PORTLAND

George P. Lipscomb Will Be in Charge of Corporation Activities in State of Oregon.

The federal home loan bank board today announced in Washington that branch offices for the Home Loan Owners' corporation in Oregon would be established at Eugene, Klamath Falls and La Grande, with headquarters in Portland in charge of George P. Lipscomb.

Branch managers will be named later, it was announced. Word also was received that Merwin E. Paget, of Portland, would be assistant manager in the main headquarters for this state. Both Lipscomb and Paget are in Washington at present and indications are that the plans have not progressed sufficiently to know just what will be required in the way of branches.

Further details are expected within (Continued on Page Eight)

## Two Fire Calls During Morning; Little Damage

The fire department was called out twice this morning. At 1:20 a. m. the truck went to 1609 Adams avenue to extinguish a fire in a six-room residence. The house was unoccupied and a small amount of furniture inside the building escaped damage. The fire, origin unknown, caused some damage near the middle of the building but was put out before it reached the roof. The place was insured. The house is owned by Panos Brothers, of St. Helens, Oregon. At 7:40 a. m. the truck extinguished a grass fire at North Fourth and Y. There was no damage except for scorching of a fence.

## BOISE MAYOR VIEWS LOCAL WATER SYSTEM

Mayor McCue, City Engineer McBirnie and Councilman Worthington, all of Boise, were visitors here Wednesday, inspecting the La Grande water system and sewage disposal plant. They were on a tour of Eastern Oregon, looking at various municipal projects.

Boise, at present, is served by two privately owned water systems, one dealing in drinking water and one in water used for irrigation purposes. The minimum charge for 5000 gallons there is \$2.25. The Boise officials are interested in taking some steps to provide a municipal system for the Gem state capital.

## DICK FOLSOM BRINGS HOME LARGE CATCH

Dick Folsom, fishing on the lower Grande Ronde river, caught 11 large Rainbow trout, weighing from two to three pounds each. They were placed on display last evening in the show window of Wagner's Hardware Co. It was one of the best catches of the season by a La Grande angler.

## NO OPEN SEASON ON SAGE HENS THIS YEAR

Game laws for the coming season have been announced by the state commission, and one important change is the closing of the season on sage hens in Eastern Oregon for 1933. Scarcity of the birds is the reason. Usually the sage hen hunting season is the first outdoor attraction for the nimrods of this section, but this year they'll have to forego this pleasure. Another change is the opening of the elk season in Baker, Wallowa,



**WILL ROGERS SAYS:**  
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 26 — Willy Post said, "I have an offer on the stage, and I hope no one will criticize me if I take it."  
Say, after what the little guy went through with, nobody would criticize him even if he turned banker, or took a seat on the stock exchange. By the way, Mr. Roosevelt has cut the stock market down to three hours a day. They say they did it themselves, yeah?  
He just told 'em, "Now you be good boys. I will give you three hours a day to work on these suckers, and the other 21 hours they are un-protected of the fish and game laws." Yours,  
Will Rogers  
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## CITY WATER DEPARTMENT CHANGE MADE

## Commission Passes Ordinance Giving Department Different Status

The city commission, by ordinance, last night set aside the water department as a separate division of the city, and placed it under the supervision of the city manager, who may appoint any assistants he requires for its management. The ordinance specified that no water funds may be used for any other purpose than to retire city water bonds and to take care of maintenance expense of the department. The reason for the move was to complete the set-up for the Beaver creek pipeline reconstruction. The plan is for the water department to retire the bonds and the new order is in the way of an enabling act. It also will give the federal government assurance that the bonds will be handled through the water receipts, when the project is submitted to the government for approval under the public works program. With the appointment of Marshall Dana, of Portland, as regional advisor, and the naming of Robert N. Stanfield, of Baker, and Bert E. Haney and C. C. Moeckley, of Portland,

## SWIM MEET WILL BE HELD SUNDAY

Races and exhibition diving will be featured in the swimming meet 15 which the public is invited Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at Crystal Plunge, Edwin Kirby and Don Johnson, managers, announced this morning. Swimming events will be arranged separately for swimmers above and below 14 years of age and all

## MERCURY UP TO 103 WEDNESDAY

Although many of the northwestern cities reported maximums a few degrees cooler yesterday, in La Grande the mercury climbed to 103 above, three degrees warmer than the 100 of Tuesday. Wednesday was the fourth consecutive day, with the maximum 100 or higher, and another warm day was in progress today. The minimum last night was 65 above but at 7 o'clock the mercury was at 70, the coldest at that time of the day since last Sunday morning.

Union and Umatilla counties from Oct. 23 to Oct. 25, authorized by the legislature early this year. Open season on deer will be from Sept. 29 to Oct. 25, both dates inclusive. The same days hold good for the grouse season, also, a change desired by Eastern Oregon sportsmen. Open season on Chinese pheasants will be from Oct. 15 to Oct. 31, inclusive. In most of the counties of the state, including Union and Wallowa.

# Kidnaper, Ex-Oregon Convict, Is Sentenced To Death

## HENRY NAMED GRAND GUGU OF SERPENTS

La Grande Man Heads Fun Order of Spanish War Veterans of Oregon

## GOODWIN, BANTZ ARE GIVEN POSTS

Convention in Salem Elects Officers — City Well Represented in All Branches of U. S. W. V.

Although Leslie R. Hale, of La Grande, gave up his post as commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans organization in convention yesterday, another La Grande assumed the leadership of the grand lair of the Military Order of the Serpent, the fun order of the veterans. J. G. Henry, of La Grande, was

## BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT C. C. C. CAMP

The Frog Heaven citizens conservation corps camp will be the destination of a group of La Grande business men who plan to take a goodwill visit there tomorrow afternoon, under the auspices of the La Grande cham-

## County Jail Is Empty; First Time In Many Years

The Union county jail was a silent place today. There were no prisoners remaining! No jail break—just no more prisoners with time to serve! The sole inmate of the jail for the last few days was released this morning with his time completed, and until somebody else falls afoul of the law, the jail will continue to be a silent place. This is the first time in several years that the county jail has been empty.

## NRA BLANKS ARRIVE HERE THIS MORNING

Hundreds of Copies of President's Employment Contract Distributed.

## AGREEMENTS ARE STUDIED EAGERLY

Washington Officials Prepare For an Early Path of Caution in Administering Plan.

Hundreds of copies of the president's employment agreement, the part of the nation wide NRA plan to raise wages, create employment and thus increase purchasing power and restore business, were distributed in La Grande today. The agreements were eagerly studied by employers throughout the city. La Grande in general has been eager to cooperate with President Roosevelt in the national recovery plan but until this morning did not have knowledge of the detailed agreement. In the meantime, steps were being taken locally by many firms, groups of firms, etc., to make arrangements

## Wheat Exports To Orient Will Receive Support

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—Farm administrators revealed today that they are planning for an increase of wheat exports from the Pacific coast to the Orient, and are prepared to use part of the proceeds of the processing tax on wheat to finance the program. George N. Peck, chief administrator, said that Pacific northwest grain interests have appealed to him for assistance in disposing of surplus stocks

## U. P. OFFICIALS VISITORS HERE

Union Pacific railway officials who were in La Grande last night included W. H. Guild, superintendent of the O.-W. R. and N., H. A. Roberts, both formerly headquartered at La Grande, C. S. Spenser, L. P. Drew and E. Butler, all of Portland.

## National Recovery Act Badge



Here is the official insignia of the national recovery administration, which the public will soon see in red and blue in show windows, on factories, on the labels of goods, on letterheads and elsewhere. It means that the one displaying it has agreed to co-operate with the national recovery administration by adopting working conditions which the administration believes necessary.

## OREGON GROWERS TO GET 20-CENT GRANT THIS FALL

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 27 (AP)—Oregon wheat growers who sign federal wheat contracts will receive payment of 20 cents a bushel on their allotments this fall, and from 8 to 10 cents a bushel additional next spring, according to definite word received by the Oregon State college extension service today. County allotments based on 54 per cent of the 5-year average production have been worked out at Washington, D. C., it was said in a message re-

## COUNTY HAS GOOD RECORD

Communicable disease was at a low ebb in Union county last week. Eighty-one per cent of the physicians reported to the state board of health, showing one case of measles and one of chickenpox. There were 62 cases of measles in the state, seventeen of flu, 10 of whooping cough and 14 chickenpox, and a few cases of other diseases.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

- MATTERN LEAVES SMITHERS
- HOPEFUL OF RIVER DAM
- SPAIN RECOGNIZES RUSSIA
- SNAKE BITE IS FATAL

SMITHERS, B. C. July 27 (AP)—James Mattern, American round the world flier, hopped off from Smithers at 11:24 a. m. E. S. T. today en route to Edmonton, Alberta. He expected to continue on from Edmonton to New York.

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—Construction of a dam in the Columbia river at Bonneville, Oregon, under the public works program was predicted today by Senator McNary (R., Ore.) after a talk with President Roosevelt.

MADRID, July 27 (AP)—The Spanish president and cabinet decided today to extend recognition to Soviet Russia, and there were reports that Leon Trotsky, communist leader now in exile, might make his peace with Moscow and become the Soviet ambassador here.

REDDING, Cal., July 27 (AP)—William Henry, 81, died today of a rattlesnake bite he received Thursday when he attempted to pull the rattler from its hole by the tail.

WASHINGTON, July 27 (AP)—The federal trade commission asked the supreme court today to review the action of the ninth circuit court of appeals setting aside its order prohibiting companies on the Pacific coast from selling Ponderosa plus in interstate commerce under the name "California white plus."

## COMMITTEES SET TIME OF FAIR-SHOW

Dates Are Tentative Pending Arrangements of Recreational Hall.

September 28 and 29 were set as tentative dates for the Grange Fair and Home Products show which is held annually at the L. D. S. Recreational hall, last night when the Grange fair and the La Grande chamber of commerce committees met at 7:30 o'clock at the chamber office. The dates are only tentative pending definite arrangements for use of the Recreational hall. Committees also were appointed last night but will not be made public until all members have been contacted. Jim Woodell, president, headed last night's meeting. The Grange Fair and Home Products show affords to producers an opportunity to exhibit their product and have it judged by experts in the

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## Car Aids Rabbit In Escape From Pursuit of Dog

GREELEY, Neb., July 27 (AP)—T. H. Murphy of Greeley was driving along a highway and came upon a bound in hot pursuit of a jack rabbit. As he drove alongside the rabbit he slowed down momentarily and the rabbit hopped upon the running board of the car. The rabbit rode there about a quarter of a mile, until the bound had given up the chase, and then jumped off and went its way leisurely.

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 27 (AP)—Speculative buying of all grains spread like wildfire today, and prices shot skyward with wheat showing a maximum gain of 8 cents. This was the extreme limit allowed under emergency rules. Closing prices were buoyant at the day's extreme top figures. Wheat closed flurrier, 7 1/2 @ 8c above yesterday's finish, corn 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2c up, oats 3 1/2 @ 4c advanced, and provisions varying from the decline to a rise of 10c.

PORTLAND, July 27 (AP)—Wheat advanced 6 1/2c bushel for July, 5 1/2c for September and 5 1/2c for December today on the Portland futures market. Sales totaled 15,000 bushels September and 33,000 bushels December.

## M'GEE MUST PAY PENALTY JURY RULES

Abductor of Mary McElroy, of Kansas City, Must Give Up His Life.

## BROTHER'S TRIAL NOW UNDER WAY

Clarence Click, Third Arrested in Case, Awaiting Trial; Federal Officials Pleased.

KANSAS CITY, July 27 (AP)—Walter McGee, confessed leader of the gang that kidnaped Miss Mary McElroy, daughter of City Manager H. F. McElroy, and collected \$30,000 ransom, was assessed the death penalty today by a criminal court jury. Formal sentence of the former Oregon convict will be passed later by Judge Allen C. Southard.

The case was the first in which the extreme penalty has been assessed in the nation's crusade against kidnapers. It is one of the few in history to (Continued on Page Five)

## Sleeping Boys Killed By Auto; Fourth Injured

MARTINSVILLE, Va., July 27 (AP)—James Hammond, Howard Hammon and Arch Purdy, boys ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, were killed at 2 a. m. today and Archer Meeks was severely injured when the four boys, lying asleep on shoulders of the Martinsville-Stuart highway near Spencer, were run over by an unknown driver. The boys who lived near Martinsville were walking home from Stuart, Meeks said, when they stopped to rest and fell asleep. A man named Tatum, bent on an early morning fox hunt, made the discovery. The headlights of his car revealed the three bodies in a row and the injured Meeks nearby. The skulls of all three were crushed and mangled. Meeks was carried to a nearby farmhouse and told police he remembered nothing about the accident. Officers found no clue to the identity of the driver of the car.

## Today's Baseball

National League	
FIRST GAME:	R. H. E.
Boston	3 8 0
Philadelphia	4 12 0
Batteries:	Betts, Brandt and Hogan, Harrage; Holley, Collins and Davis.
SECOND GAME:	R. H. E.
Boston	1 5 2
Philadelphia	2 2 1
Batteries:	Cantwell and Harrage; A. Moore and Davis.
R. H. E.	
Chicago	0 6 0
Pittsburgh	2 8 1
Batteries:	Root and Hartnett; French and Grace.
R. H. E.	
Brooklyn	0 4 2
New York	2 8 0
Batteries:	Mungo and Lopez; Hubbell and Richards.

## SOLONS WIND UP SESSION TODAY

SACRAMENTO, July 27 (AP)—After adding an income and retail sales tax to the state's source of income, the California legislature adjourned here early today. The next regular session is in January 1935. Legislators adjourned with the budget \$30,000,000 short of being balanced. A last minute piece of major legislation provided the death penalty or life sentence without right of parole for kidnapers in certain cases and life imprisonment in others.

## 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. Wight each interviewed will be granted two complimentary tickets to the Liberty Theatre. The current attraction is Robert Montgomery in "Hell Below."

## GIVE THE KID CREDIT



Now that jig-saw puzzles have gone by the board as the great American indoor sport what suggestions have you for a substitute? The inquiring reporter asked today. C. E. Bragg, 2610 North Birch, says, "I suggest that people follow my own procedure. Other members of the