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LA GRANDE DRUM CORPS WINS AGAIN

STATE TITLE AWARDED TO POST NO. 43

Local Legionnaires Victor in Formal Championship Contest Friday.

FOLLOWS WINNING OF JACKSON CUP

Corvallis Drum Corps Takes Second and Portland Third — Competition Very Close.

The La Grande American Legion drum and bugle corps, winner of the Phillip Jackson cup in the state parade at Klamath Falls Thursday night, came back last night and made it a "clean sweep" by winning the state drum corps competition. The golden-coated La Granders defeated Corvallis, second place winner, in a contest so close that these two were called back for second appearances before the judges announced their final decision.

The La Grande corps won the plaudits of a huge crowd of 6000 that jammed the fairground as it marched and played its way to the grand prize. The Eastern Oregon boys, runners-up at the state contest in Portland last year, received the Sieberling-Lucas trophy for music and the Klamath post permanent cup as the most outstanding of all entrants.

It was a sweeping, glorious victory for the La Grande corps, led by Drum Major John R. Garity, and long list-

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Barbers to Stay Open Saturdays Until 8:30 P. M.

Barbers of Union county have agreed to abide by a code of fair practice under the NRA which provides for a maximum of 62½ hours open-store week, and sets minimum prices on all barber service. In other words, the barbers will open at 8 a. m. six days of the week and close at 6 p. m. five days of the week and

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HARRIET SIMER PASSES AWAY

Harriet Simer, 83 years of age, died at her home at 3102 North Fourth street this morning. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore in charge. Burial will take place at the Island City cemetery.

She leaves the following children: George, of Plains, Mont.; Fred, Bert and Margaret, of Salmon City, Ida., and Mrs. Burley Bloom, of La Grande.

WILL ROGERS Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 11 — All I know is just what I read in the papers. I see where United States Congressman Hamilton Fish (who made a mighty fine record with the rough riders in Cuba) has offered our president the support of the entire Republican party in case of invasion of Cuba.

That's great. Hamilton Fish is a mighty fine patriotic citizen, but I would sure hate to go into Cuba (or even the littlest country on earth) with nothing behind me but the Republican party. Suppose they shot 'em both, where would you be? Yours,

Will Rogers

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N. R. A. HEADS OPPOSE A 63 HOUR WEEK

Administration Replies to Portland Query — 204 Sign Agreements Here

First intimation that a 63-hour open-store week for grocers would not be acceptable to the national recovery administration was received in Oregon late Friday, when word from Gen. Johnson to Portland grocers said group movements to shorten open-store hours would be regarded as a violation of the president's re-employment agreement. The administration does not sanction the limitation of store hours by grocers, the message said.

It is expected that open-store hours generally over the state will be revised as a result of the statement from Washington.

This morning a total of 204 business and professional people in La

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Rep. W. M. Pierce Hitch-Hikes Into Prineville

Rep. Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande, elected congressman on a Democratic ticket, was plenty democratic yesterday, in the broader sense of the word.

Due for a luncheon engagement in Prineville, the congressman from La Grande became stalled when his automobile broke down near Redmond. What to do? But he didn't remain inactive. He thumbed a ride from a passing sheepherder to within a mile of Prineville and then, with little time left to spare, pounded down the home stretch on Shank's ponies under the blazing mid-day Central Oregon sun. And he arrived at the appointed hour!

Congressman Pierce spoke to the chamber of commerce on his experiences at Washington and explained legislation affecting the Central Oregon section.

First to Fight Recovery Code

Norman R. Dietz, president of Chicago's Independent Milk Distributors Association, is the first to dispute authority of the federal government in a recovery code. Dietz is pictured mapping plans for a legal test of the milk code.

DADS' NIGHT IS OBSERVED FRIDAY AT CREEK CAMP

About 30 dads and other visitors drove to the Catherine creek boys' camp last night for dinner and an evening around the fire. David B. Stoddard, director of the camp, called on David I. Stoddard; Herbert Evans, superintendent of schools; Ben Oesterling, first aid director; Mrs. George Stoddard, Mrs. McNaul, of La Grande, and George Baxter, of Union, all of whom were visitors.

Dinner was served to the visitors, after which the speeches and community singing around a campfire were enjoyed.

FREEMANS HAVE BABY DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Freeman are the parents of a baby daughter born recently in Los Angeles, Cal., where they now make their home. Mrs. Freeman will be remembered as Miss Mildred Webb, formerly of La Grande.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR COUNTY OUT

Unpaid Taxes Now Stand at $1,209,558.81, Statement Reveals.

UNPAID WARRANTS TOTAL AT $87,869.97

Semi-annual Statement of Financial Condition As of July 1 Issued By the County.

The semi-annual statement of the financial condition of Union county, as of the first day of July, has just been released by C. K. McCormick, county clerk, and reveals that unpaid taxes now stand at $1,209,558.81 and that the total county warrants outstanding as of that date amounted to $87,869.97.

In other words, if only 10 per cent of delinquent taxes for previous years and unpaid 1932 taxes, due this year, were paid, the county could retire all of its outstanding warrants and have some cash left in the treasury.

Resources were listed at $1,335,-283.49, as follows:

Funds in county treasury applicable to payment of general warrants funds $11,889.72.

Funds for market road fund applicable to payment of general warrant warrants $5617.05.

Funds for road fund applicable to the payment of road fund warrants $3378.77.

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N. R. A. Does Not Expect Employers To Absorb Costs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) — The NRA does not expect employers to pay for the increased cost of re-employment.

Hugh S. Johnson, administrator of the NRA, says that "It is inevitable that the employer will raise his price and will himself pay nothing at all."

"The only restraint," says General Johnson, "that is asked of the employer is that he not raise his prices any more than his costs were raised. Except in a limited class of cases there is simply nothing to the claim that any employer pays for this increased cost in re-employment."

Plan Strategy in NRA Offensive

The general and generalissimo in the offensive toward national recovery smile at their success in maneuvering industry into line. Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, industrial recovery administrator, and President Roosevelt confer at the Oval room of the White House.

GENERAL BALBO AND AIR FLEET ARE OVER ITALY

PIUMCINO, Italy, Aug. 12 (AP) — General Italo Balbo and his comrades of the Italian air armada completed the journey of more than 12,000 miles to Chicago and return when they alighted here this afternoon to the cheers of hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic spectators.

The last plane of the armada alighted at the airport at the mouth of the Tiber at 6:47 p. m. (12:47 p. m.

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MRS. ORMAND RITES SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary A. Ormand, who died here yesterday morning, will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary, with Rev. W. H. Hertzog, of the M. E. church, officiating. Burial will take place in the Masonic cemetery in charge of Snodgrass and Zimmerman.

GANGSTERS SHOT DOWN BY SHERIFF

Two Kill Third, Then Succumb to Officer's Bullets in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 12 (AP)—Three men, said by police to be connected with local night club operations, were shot and killed about 1:30 a. m. today when Sheriff Thomas B. Bash discovered two of the trio exchanging shots with the third.

The two assailants, who were in a motorcar, were slain by Sheriff Bash, and the third, who was afoot, died from wounds they had inflicted before the sheriff interrupted them. The shootings took place at Armour boulevard and Forest Ave., in a fashionable apartment house district.

Sheriff Bash identified the dead as follows:

Ferris J. Anthon, the man who was afoot; Sam Hogg, and Gua Pasone.

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LINDBERGHS FIND NEW PEAK, FJORD

By Robert Cavagnaro

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (AP) — The sighting of a mountain higher than any other heretofore known in Greenland and unrecorded on maps has been reported by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and his wife, who are charting a northern air route to Europe.

Another topographical feature which the Lindberghs reported could not be found on charts was a fjord, or possibly navigable waterway, which they followed inland for more than a hundred miles.

Officials of Pan-American Airways, Inc., who received the reports, said both discoveries may force sharp revision of existing maps of the region.

The Lindberghs now are stationed in Julianehaab, waiting for good flying weather to hop to Reykjavik, Iceland, which probably will be one of their last sorties before returning to the United States at the end of August.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 12 (AP) — All grains closed today in Chicago at the lowest point permissable under board of trade emergency operations.

Except for a brief interval at the start when there was something of a general rush to sell and next to no buyers in sight, business was at a complete halt. A general feeling of optimism prevailed, however, that after fixed minimum prices were abolished Aug. 15, the markets would quickly right themselves.

Wheat closed flat, 2½@3⅝c under yesterday's finish, corn 2⅜@⅜c down, oats ⅛@1¾c off and provisions showing 7 to 27c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

U. S. QUIZZES PEAR CANNERS

GOVERNOR SEES STRIKERS

MISS VAN WIE TRAILING

NO PHONE RATE INCREASES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (AP) — The farm adjustment administration has asked representatives of pear canneries in the northwest whether there is justification for the present low price being paid the growers by the canners.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 12 (AP)—Declaring they were ready to listen to peace proposals if Governor Herbert H. Lehman should extend them, five of the six leaders of the New York state milk strike called at the governor's office today for a compromise talk.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12 (AP)—Miss Lucille Robinson, Des Moines, was two up on Miss Virginia Van Wie, Chicago, national women's champion, at the end of 18 holes for the western women's championship at the Oak Park country club today.

SALEM, Aug. 12 (AP)—Until telephone operators can show that they are not obtaining a fair rate of return on their investments or the public utility department has established a rate base, no increases in telephone rates under the NRA program will be authorized by the public utility department, Commissioner C. M. Thomas stated today.

MEDFORD, Aug. 12(AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier spent an hour here this morning, en route to Gold Beach, where he will spend a brief vacation. The chief executive is en route from the American Legion state convention at Klamath Falls, with a side trip to Crater lake.

TWO KILLED, FIVE HURT WHEN TRAIN JUMPS THE TRACK

SALISBURY, Aug. 12 (AP)—Four men were fatally injured and four others hurt in the derailment. Bell Corson, negro, riding the trucks of the baggage car, and an unidentified negro, whose body was found under the firebox of the locomotive this afternoon, were added to the two previously reported killed.

SALISBURY, Md., Aug. 12 (AP)—Two men were killed and five injured, one probably fatally, in the derailment of a passenger express train of the Pennsylvania railroad near here early today.

The dead are:

W. Oscar Brown, engineman, Delmar, Del.

An unidentified negro who was riding the trucks of a baggage car.

The injured:

E. R. Massey, fireman, Delmar, Del., severely scaled by escaping steam.

William L. Simons, of Salisbury, mail clerk on the train.

Thomas Donoho, Wilmington, Del., news agent on the train.

Samuel Wilson, Delmar, a passenger.

H. C. Huchens, Wyoming, Del.

A. F. McIntyre, trainmaster in charge of the Cape Charles division, after an inspection of the wreck today said it had been caused by "malicious tampering with the rails."

FAIR WEATHER IS PREDICTED FOR WEEKEND

The weather, which hit a high of 99 above here Thursday afternoon, eased off a bit yesterday, although to the man on the street it seemed just as warm. The maximum Friday was 96 and the minimum this morning of 60 above was three degrees cooler than Friday morning.

Fair weather was forecast for the weekend with little change in temperature.

MACHADO TO QUIT OFFICE; CUBA JOYFUL

Coincides With the American Peace Plan For Island Republic.

FERRER MAY BE NEXT PRESIDENT

Army Units Throughout the Islands Shift Rapidly to Banner of Anti-Machado Element.

HAVANA, Aug. 12 (AP)—The Cuban state department today formally advised the diplomatic corps that President Machado will take a leave of absence and that it is the president's

Gerardo Machado

purpose later to resign. Machado's request was presented to the senate today.

The department's communication

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Arthur Gilley Stabbed; Buster Cole Arrested

BAKER, Aug. 12 (AP)—Arthur Gilley, 19, farm hand, was stabbed twice last night during a fight at a dance in North Powder. He was brought to a hospital here. His left lung was punctured and he had a wound in the back. His physician expressed the belief today that he would recover. Gilley came to North Powder two years ago from Vanita, Okla.

Buster Cole, of North Powder, was held in jail here in connection with the stabbing which he has not admitted. He was to be turned over to Union county authorities today by the state police.

District Attorney Carl Helm at noon today could give no further information on the stabbing at North Powder. Cole had not yet been turned over to Union county officers.

VISITORS' DAY AT BOYS' CAMP AT THE LAKE

With tomorrow visitors' day at the Wallowa lake boys' camp, those who plan to visit the camp are asked to co-operate by taking their own picnic lunches. Coffee, cream and sugar will be served free to all visitors after 12 o'clock at noon.

Because of a larger enrollment than was at first anticipated facilities at the camp are very crowded.

EDWIN W. BRACHER'S ESSAY IS WINNER

Edwin W. Bracher's supposed letter to a mythical friend coming to live in La Grande takes first money in the Merchant's Essay contest this week, and enriches its composer to the extent of $3 cash for his efforts. Mr. Bracher, whose address is 903 M avenue, was writing on the subject "Why the Modern Laundry & Cleaners is Entitled to the Patronage of the Community."

The poetic contribution of Emery Hartley, of Cove, was judged second best and the Hartley family exchequer rises two silver dollars as a result. Mrs. Maida L. Stevenson, of Joseph, though writing from 80 miles away, knew and had heard enough of the virtues of the Modern establishment, to collect third prize of $1 on her contribution.

Honorable mention, which entitles those named to free tickets to the Liberty theatre by courtesy of its manager, C. M. Wight, is given to Lula L. Weeks, of Cove; Woodrow Westerskow, of Imbler; Evelyn Spencer, 2110 Cedar street, and Mawlizabeth Cooper, 906 H Ave., La Grande.

The subject for the essay in the contest this week is Lottes' refreshment and lunch parlor on Jefferson avenue across from the depot for around 40 years. Mr. Lottes, as a pioneer businessman is so well known to all that essayists for the coming week should easily find many worthwhile points to write about. Turn to page 3 and begin.

Mr. Bracher's winning contribution on the Modern, follows:

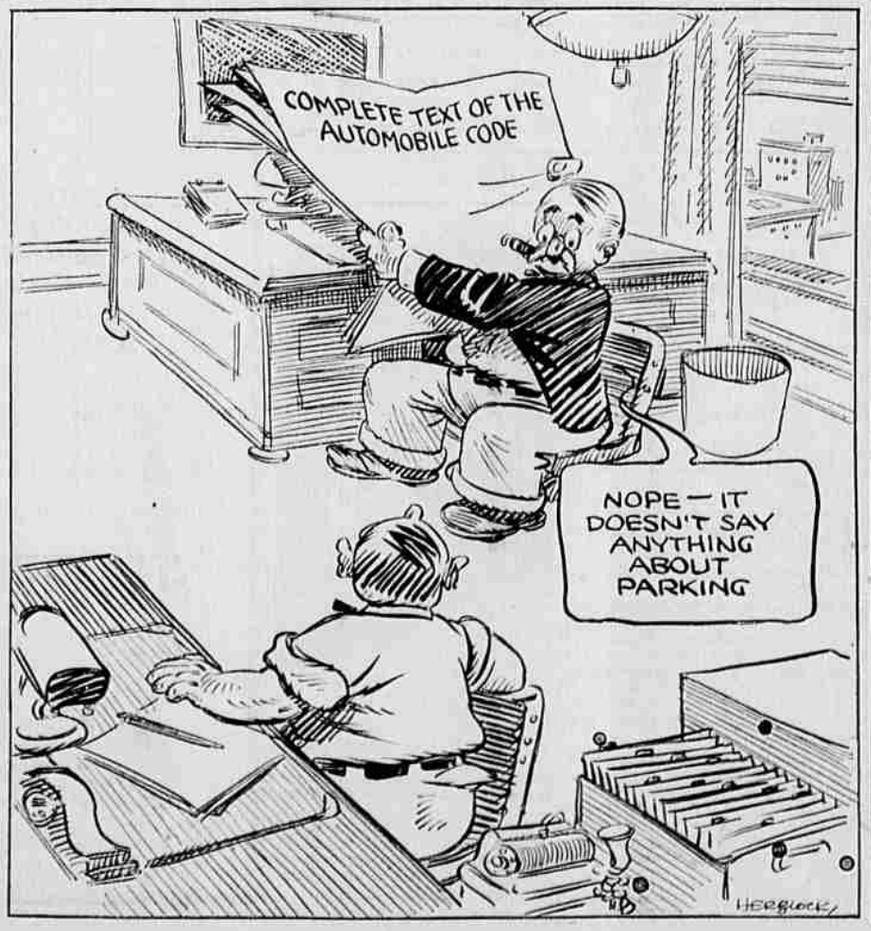
"William C. Jones,
District Agent,
La Grande, Oregon.
Dear Bill:

I am glad to hear of your promotion and transfer to La Grande. I'm sure you'll like it there. . . .

And, Bill, tell your wife to send the clothes to the Modern Laundry. They'll service anything from your tuxedo to the baby's bib. The bib will come back all soft and white, and well-ironed, and your tux will be like new. You needn't worry about loss or damage, because all the time we were there we had no trouble. You know how Jane counted the nickels in La Grande, but still she felt it paid to send all the washing and dry-cleaning to the Modern. And I could see that she felt better—we must take good care of our wives, you know.

Good luck to you,
Ned."

ONE OF THE BIG PROBLEMS THAT'S STILL WAITING



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 Zasu Pitts and Slim Summerville in "Out All Night."

There are those who believe that "no nudes is good nudes" while others heartily endorse the nudist cult which is rapidly gaining ground in the United States.

Mrs. Lee Wright, Fruitdale, says, "I am not a bit in favor of it. It's the craziest thing I ever heard of and I think there should be a law to stop it."

Mrs. Harry E. Mason, 2905 North Maple dr., says, "I'm not in sympathy with the nudist movement. In the first place, from the standpoint of beauty, I think the human form is much better looking when clothed."