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FAMOUS FLIER BURNED TO DEATH

La Grande Planning Goodwill Journey To Baker City

CHAMBER TO VISIT BAKER WEDNESDAY

Goodwill Trip to Neighboring City Planned For September 6.

BROPHY TO SPEAK AT BIG LUNCHEON

Union Pacific Representative on Program—Service Clubs Are Invited to Attend.

The chamber of commerce is making plans for a goodwill trip to Baker Wednesday, Sept. 6, for a luncheon with the Baker chamber of commerce, the Kiwanis and Lions clubs. It was announced today. This is the first goodwill caravan to Baker by the La Grande chamber in the last few years, and a large delegation from this city is expected.

The purpose of the trip also is to hear an address by J. C. Brophy, director of public relations of the Union Pacific system with headquarters at Omaha, who will deliver the main address at the Baker luncheon, which is to be held in the Baker hotel.

According to Harold Boone, secretary of the La Grande chamber, indications are that about 30 La Grande business and professional men will make the trip, including representatives from the city, county and other branches of government. It is planned to leave here about 10:45 o'clock Wednesday morning and return by 2:30 o'clock. Those who intend to

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Local Members To Have Part In C. E. Convention

The fall convention of Grande Ronde Christian Endeavor Union is to be held Sept. 15, 16 and 17 at Baker. Delegates from the entire district, which consists of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties, are expected to attend. Several carloads of members of the local societies are planning to attend the convention.

Speakers will be Dr. Walter L. Myers, chancellor of Eugene Bible college, who is an executive advisor to the state C. E. Union, and Mrs. Frank B. Ritchey, of Freewater, who is a regional vice president of the state union in charge of the Eastern Oregon district. It is also possible that there will be other speakers on the program, but definite word as to this has not yet been received.

The program will include several inspirational talks, classes on Christian Endeavor methods and other instructive events as well as a social hour on the opening evening, a parade on Saturday afternoon, and a banquet in the evening.

Registrations are now being received by the registrar, Albert Herrman, of Baker, and the individual society

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MRS. H. H. HUG WINS IN ESSAY CONTEST

With its tenth week completed, the Merchants' Essay and Misspelled Word contest continues to gain in popularity and each week many, many contributions arrive at the Observer office.

This week the subject was "Why Paul's Service Station is Entitled to the Patronage of the La Grande Community." Numerous essays were submitted, along with the usual accurate spelling of words purposely misspelled in the advertisement.

Mrs. H. H. Hug, of Elgin, entered an essay which was judged as the prize winner, and will receive a \$3 cash prize for her efforts.

Second place went to Neva Stein, of 1806 Y avenue, and Leonard Cooper, of 906 H avenue, took third non-

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 2.—We got a little shot of inflation coming along now in a few weeks, and a lot of us dumb ones are trying to find out just what it is, just where it attacks you and how.

All you can learn about it is, "Money will be cheaper." If "a dollar is worth only 10 cents how are you going to get your clutches on it any easier than now, unless they give it away? I can't see where it's going to be any big help to everybody. Now I am only asking these questions. I don't want 'em answered.

Had a chat yesterday with Mr. Raskob, a wealthy man that was a Democrat before it was fashionable, in fact he was ostracized from the other rich for years. He is in favor of inflation. (Rather unique for a millionaire). Well, even he had a little trouble explaining what it was, so I certainly don't want you to have to listen to any of you amateurs in the money business. Yours,

Will Rogers
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CONSUMERS' DRIVE NEAR COMPLETION

Eighty Per Cent Signed Up This Morning; Campaign Closes Tonight.

The NRA consumers' drive in La Grande was 80 per cent completed

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BARNES HOME IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

The Friendly R. Barnes residence at 1702 Adams avenue was damaged by fire last night. Loss had not been estimated today but considerable damage was done in the basement and there was some damage in the upper part of the house, and a small amount of damage to furniture.

The fire started around the furnace.

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TWO-DAY TROPHY PLAY SCHEDULED

The annual two-day handicap golf tournament for the San Joaquin Inn trophy will be held at the La Grande country club on Sunday and Monday, it was announced today.

The play will consist of 36 holes, 18 each day. Previous winners include Fred E. Kiddie and Dan Tanner. A large field of members is expected to tee off for the tourney. Sweepstakes also may be held Sunday morning at the course.

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CONCERT IS FEATURE OF FAIR-SHOW

La Grande Band Will Play On Thursday Evening, Sept. 28.

SPEAKERS TO BE HERE FOR EVENT

Three Programs Scheduled, One Each Evening And One on Afternoon of Closing Day.

Innovations in the program for the annual Grange Fair and Home Products show, which will be held at the L. D. S. Recreational hall on Sept. 28 and 29, were instituted by the program committee yesterday. Three programs will be presented during the two-day fair, one each evening and one on the second afternoon, Sept. 29.

During the 25 years that La Grande has had a band, a concert has never been especially arranged for the

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Clear Weather Held Likely For Two-Day Holiday

With clear, warm weather indicated for the Labor day weekend, many La Grande people were looking forward this morning to an enjoyable two-day holiday. Scores were making trips to nearby cities and some already had gone to Portland, Seattle and other points by both rail and automobile to visit relatives, see a coast league baseball game, horse racing, etc.

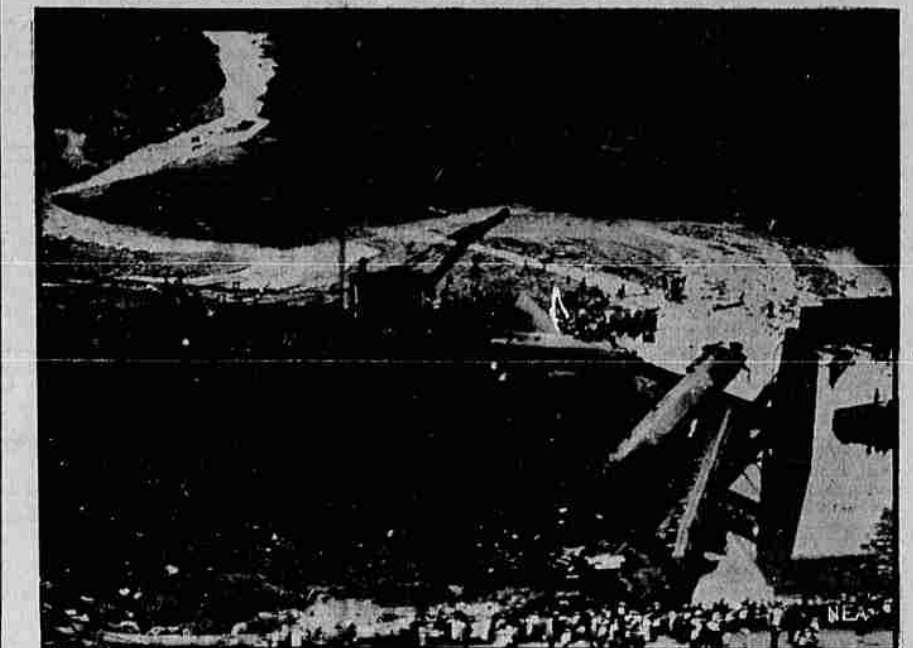
La Grande also was sending several to Salem this weekend to attend the state fair, including J. E. Reynolds, who is in charge of the horse division.

Nearby points—Wallowa lake, Medical Springs, the fishing streams and lakes, etc.—were expected to share heavily in the holiday visits tomorrow and Monday, also.

Yesterday's maximum here was 81 above, following an 80 Thursday, and ideal late summer weather was predicted for the weekend. Today was the 24th consecutive day in La Grande without rain.

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EIGHT KILLED IN TUCUMCARI TRAIN WRECK



Eight persons were killed and more than two score were injured when the Golden State Limited, crack passenger train, plunged through a weakened bridge into a flooded arroyo near Tucumcari, New Mexico. NEA photo shows view of the wreckage.

FINAL PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED BY SCHOOL BOARD

The school board, at a special meeting last night, acted favorably upon the certificates of the architect, Charles B. Miller, for final payments of contracts in favor of A. Ritchey & Co., the H. and S. Co., Fred Spaeth and John Melville. Fifteen per cent of the total of contracts for reconstruction of the La Grande High school will be withheld for 35 days, in order to protect the school against labor liens.

The board also confirmed Supt. Herbert Evans' designation of Sarah Williamson as principal at Willow school. Supt. Evans presented a resolution sent to the school districts of the state by National Educational Association and the Oregon State Teachers association which would commit districts to salary schedules and codes under NRA. The board took the matter under advisement. It has been ruled by the Oregon attorney general that state bodies operating under a budget system with fixed contracts with employees, are not affected by the NRA statute or its regulations.

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Observer Not To Publish On Labor Day, September 4

In order to allow its staff of workers to enjoy the holiday to the fullest, the Observer will not publish a newspaper on Monday, Labor day. The next issue of the paper will be that of Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 5.

Most of the stores throughout the city also will close their doors in observance of Labor day and no business will be done in the municipal, county and judicial offices.

PIERCE REQUESTS SUPPORT OF NRA

ONTARIO, Sept. 2.—Either the NRA program will succeed or the present capitalist system of society will be followed by a dangerous order. Representative Walter M. Pierce told the opening day, crowd at the Malheur county fair Friday afternoon.

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U. S. GUNBOAT AT FOOCHOW READY TO AID

Chinese Claims That Communists Were Defeated Contradicted Today.

FOOCHOW, Fukien Province, China, Sept. 2 (AP)—Information sharply contradictory to Chinese claims that communist forces were driven west from Yenping was received in foreign quarters today which said the Reds continued to hold Yenping and were attacking Kienning.

These advices caused renewed uneasiness over the safety of several American missionaries who failed to leave Kienning. It was expected, however, that despite their expressed intention to remain at this post they would evacuate Kienning.

Meanwhile, the United States gun-

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COMMITTEE ASKS SPECIAL SESSION

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—An extraordinary session of the state legislature, either the latter part of September or the first of October, was the only actual recommendation of the committee of 32 called together by the governor to consider unemployment relief.

On motion the committee requested Governor Julius L. Meier to call a special session of the legislature to provide relief for the needy of the state, estimated variously from \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000 until the end of next year, as well as to provide relief for impoverished school districts.

The meeting was called by the chief executive for the two-fold purpose.

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Theatre Features Oriental Drama
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A theatre here is devoted exclusively to the production of Hawaiian, Samoan, Tahitian, Japanese, Indian and Far Eastern drama, music, dances and rites.

Wheat Today

There were no changes today in wheat prices over the nation, as wheat exchanges were enjoying a holiday which will continue until Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2 (AP)—Generous rains in Eastern Canada and in southern sections of the prairie provinces have relieved anxiety over late grains, pastures and forage and root crops, which were threatened with increased damage.

The first official Argentine estimate shows a decline of 7.6 per cent in the acreage sown to wheat. The area is 1,500,000 acres under last year.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

HURRICANE KILLS NINE
THREE DIE IN TRAIN WRECK
HELEN HICKS GAINS LEAD
OMAHA SPEED FLIER KILLED

HAVANA, Sept. 2 (AP)—The hurricane which swept the north coast of Cuba yesterday, causing casualties estimated at nine dead and almost 300 injured, blew away from the island this afternoon. The national observatory said the storm was 150 miles north of Cape San Antonio, Pinar Del Rio province.

ZINESVILLE, O., Sept. 2 (AP)—Sixteen cars of a Baltimore & Ohio freight train left the rails near Pleasant Valley, last night, killing at least three men and injuring 13 others, and today railroad crews searched for other victims in the wreckage. One body was identified as that of Carl F. Dingey, 27, Nashport, Ohio. The other two known dead remained unidentified.

EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB, Highland Park, Ill., Sept. 2 (AP)—Conquering a high wind and pouring rain, opponent's game fell to pieces on her early backward nine, Helen Hicks, Inwood, N. Y., gained a two up lead over Virginia Van Wie, Chicago, defending titleholder, at the half-way mark of their 36-hole final match for the women's national golf championship today at Exmoor.

CHICAGO, Sept. 2 (AP)—Roy Laggett, Omaha speed flier, was killed today when his racing plane rolled over and crashed at the north pylon of Curtiss-Wright-Reynolds airport as he took off for a practice spin before the start of the day's program of the international air races.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2 (AP)—Thirty-six men were saved from death by fire on a ship when the steamer Coldwater burst into flames and "presumably sank" after a collision with the liner President Wilson, wireless messages announced today.

AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT GAINS UNDER THE NRA

By Rodney Dutcher
Observer Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The American labor movement, crippled by the depression, has suddenly become a potentially powerful force.

It has gained great new strength through the National Recovery Act and through official action and policies compelled both by the act and the logic of events.

Whether labor's leaders are competent to take advantage of their guaranteed opportunities for collective bargaining and union organization remains to be seen.

But numerous tangible improvements in labor's status—since it was formally admitted as "partner" with government and industry—offer an amazing contrast with its position last spring, after years of wage cuts and mounting unemployment.

Establishment of a National Labor Board to settle industrial disputes means that Uncle Sam will see to it that labor receives the collective bargaining rights guaranteed by the act.

When employers refuse to bargain

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P. M. Littler, Of Union, Dies At His Home Today

P. M. Littler, one of the most prominent fruit growers and dealers in the northwest, died just before noon today at his home in Union. Mr. Littler was working in his potato field when he was taken ill, was taken to his home and died less than an hour later. The cause of his death had not been determined when the Observer went to press.

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 Buck Jones in "The White Eagle."

"Two veteran horses of the city service have been retired on a pension after working for the taxpayers for about 25 years, one of them in the fire bureau and the other in the street cleaning bureau.

"Cosy and Don will get plenty of pasture, shelter and good food at a farm near Beaverton, where they have been sent by Gentry W. Yates.

ITALIAN IS VICTIM OF PLANE CRASH

General Francesco de Pinedo Killed Attempting Non-Stop Flight.

CROWD HORRIFIED AT FATAL FLAMES

Gallant Airman, Considered Italy's Best, Had Hoped to Fly to Baghdad, Iraq.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Sept. 2 (AP)—General Francesco De Pinedo, one of Italy's most famous airmen, met flaming death shortly after dawn today when his huge plane crashed and burned up at the start of a take-off for Baghdad, Iraq.

A tremendous load of gasoline, 1027 gallons, caused his giant red, green and purple plane to swerve from a concrete runway and hit at fence at Floyd Bennett airport. In a second it was a roaring mass of flames, and the flier was burned beyond recognition.

The start of what the gallant flier had hoped would be a nonstop record flight became a scene of horror. Spectators shuddered and covered their eyes as they saw fire engulf the airman.

Rescue Impossible
Attendants rushed to the scene and tried to pull him out, but the flames forced them back. Michael Hicks Beach, a naval mechanist's mate, was badly burned about the face trying to reach De Pinedo with a fire extinguisher.

The plane burned only a few seconds before it was a mass of metal wreckage. The body was found lying beside it and field officials said that the flier had jumped and attempted to crawl away before the fire killed him.

The plane, which was red with green and purple stripes encircling it, had been groomed for weeks by the flier with the help of his technical adviser and backer, Ugo d'Annunzio, son of the famous poet, Gabriel d'Annunzio.

By flying the 6300 miles to Baghdad, De Pinedo had hoped to smash the long distance record of 8553 1/2

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State Fair Will Open Its Gates To Great Crowd

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 2.—Eight o'clock Labor day morning the gates of Oregon's 72nd State Fair will swing open for the largest first day attendance in history. That is the belief now, if reports coming from every part of the state are any indication of the renewed interest this year. By 9 o'clock every department will be ready to offer its best display to the thousands of visitors.

The arrival of special trains in the morning will open the holiday season.

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Study Proposal For Tax; Marvin Is On Committee

PORTLAND, Sept. 2 (AP)—A meeting of the interim committee to study a proposal for a timber severance tax was being held in Portland today. The committee, named as a result of a resolution passed by the 1933 legislature, was expected to have its report ready before a special session of the legislature would be called. It was believed, however, the matter would not be considered at an extraordinary session of the assembly.

Those here to attend the meeting included Edgar Marvin, Enterprise,