

# La Grande Schools To Eliminate "A Class" Plan

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# FAIR-SHOW WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

## CROWDS SEE FINE BOOTHS AND DISPLAYS

Closing Program Will Be Held at 7:30 O'clock This Evening.

## PIERCE, HYSLOP TO BE SPEAKERS

La Grande Band Concert Thursday Given Praise; Mrs. Henry Ewin Wins in Cake Contest.

The Grande Fair and Home Products show, an index to the productivity of Union county, is drawing hundreds of farmers and townspeople from every section of the county to the L. D. S. Recreational hall. Gaily decorated booths housing all types of products for sale at local stores and the attractive displays of home grown produce are arranged in the basement, the first floor and the balcony. Two hundred exhibitors have entered displays in the Recreational hall while additional entries have been made in livestock and poultry at the court house car barn.

Mrs. Henry Ewin is one of the proudest exhibitors today, having been proclaimed as the champion cake baker of the county. Other sweepstake champions in the baking contest are Mrs. S. J. Anson, bread; Mrs. Tom Walsinger, tea cakes; Mrs. Mary E. Wilkenson, Union, cookies. Mrs. Hugh Hulise was second in the sweepstake cake contest and first in the Neighborhood club angel food cake contest.

The two-day fair opened yesterday

## Eagles District Convention Will Be Held Sunday

D. D. Hall, state president of the Eagles lodge, Mr. Verhels, secretary of the Portland aerle, and Harry Howell, of Burns, state vice president, will be among those present at the one-day district convention to be held here on Sunday. Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Ontario, Nyssa and Burns will be represented at the meeting for which plans were completed last night by the local aerle. A pre-convention dance will be held at the hall at 9 o'clock Saturday. The affair, while open to the public, will be turned over to the visiting members.

Registration will open at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. A banquet for the visiting members and the local lodgesmen and their families will be held at 12:30 o'clock at the hall. Music and other features will be held during the dinner, and the business session will be opened. Mr. Hall, Mr. Verhels, Hugh E. Brady and Henry Hess will be the speakers of the afternoon. Initiation will be held. Last night the Eagles also discussed the winter relief program and started plans for a series of dances at which the price of admission will be produce or clothes.

## NO CIRCUIT COURT TO BE HELD MONDAY

Since the only case scheduled for the October term of court has been settled out of court, Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles today ordered the jurors excused from service in October until further notice. After the return of District Attorney Carl Helm, from Portland, where he is recovering from injuries received in an auto accident, pending cases probably will be taken up, officers say.

## CUCUMBERS GROWN IN GLASS JARS

Mammoth squashes, tall corn, shiny apples, etc., attracted their share of attention at the Grande Fair and Home Products show Thursday and today, but it was the less known things grown in this valley that drew the most interest. For example, there were grape tomatoes, and banana muskmelons, cucumber squash, lemon cucumbers, devil's horns, striped crooked neck squash, quinces, pear cucumbers, egg plant. All caused much comment. Some chestnuts and filberts grown here also were displayed. But the thing that excited the most curiosity in the vegetable division

## WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 28 — With a white mouse rising up and knocking the ears down on six rattlesnakes, it may be the turning of a new era. A taxpayer is liable to become aroused and bump off about half the political payroll. Then, when kidnapers admit where 70,000 bucks are buried, and it was really there and had been for several months, why that shows we have somebody in the country that can live off their income and not have to dig up their principal. But when it costs the government \$68,000 to hire a steamship company to carry one pound of picture post-cards across the water, why it would be cheaper to cable at government expense. Yours, Will Rogers

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## 2 SENTENCED TO TERMS IN STATE PRISON

Harry Collins Paroled But Burton L. Whitted Must Go to Penitentiary.

Two men, Harry Collins and Burton L. Whitted, who pleaded guilty to charges of larceny in the dwelling of J. T. Vaughn, 203 Box Elder street, were sentenced two years in the state penitentiary by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles. Collins was sentenced yesterday after entering a plea of guilty, and was paroled to his brother, Tom Collins.

Whitted, who pleaded guilty this morning, was found to have a former conviction in Umatilla county and must serve his term, according to H. E. Dixon, acting prosecutor. The two men waived preliminaries that would have occasioned grand

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## AWARDS TO BOY SCOUTS WILL BE MADE AT COURT

When the Boy Scout court of honor meets tonight in the study hall of the La Grande High school at 8 o'clock, awards will be made to the boys who have completed the requirements for rank and merit badges. The parents and others interested in scouting are invited to attend the court which will be presided over by N. W. Frees.

First class awards will be made to Dick Worrel, Bill Frees, Jack Eskin and Eugene Rochester; second class

## NAZARENE CHURCH IN NEW LOCATION

The Nazarene church has purchased the Church of God property on Spruce street and X avenue, it was announced today. Beginning Oct. 1 the Church of the Nazarene will have all its services at the new location, according to Rev. Daniel Swartz, pastor.

## NO MID-YEAR CLASSES TO BE CONTINUED

New Plan is Being Explained Today at P. T. Association Meetings.

## URGE PARENTS TO GIVE CO-OPERATION

Two Hundred Ninety-one School Children Will Be Subject to Transfer Ahead or Back.

An announcement of unusual interest to many parents in La Grande was being made this afternoon at meetings of the various parent teacher associations. It was that authority has been given Supt. Herbert Evans to eliminate "A" classes throughout the city school system. The board of education approved the plan.

It is held that through attempting to take in children at mid-year, so many disadvantages result in cities this size, that the old plan will be discarded. Children now in school who entered at mid-year will be given tests—the Stanford Achievement Test—and those passing favorably will be moved up half a year, and those whose grades are not so favorable, will remain in the same grade in classes with the children who entered in September.

Co-operation of parents throughout the school district is being asked. Figures prepared by Supt. Evans reveal that 291 children will be sub-

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## Elks Make Plans For Days Of '49 Show Oct. 18-21

Shades of Klondike Kate, Roaring Camp and the historic baunts during the Gold Rush days will rise again at the annual Days of '49 show, sponsored by the B. P. O. Elks on Oct. 18, 19, 20 and 21, at the Sacajawea Inn ballroom. The click of dice, the hum of the roulette wheel and the soft patter of cards will accompany the strains of the best orchestra available, it is said. Negotiations are underway for the orchestra now.

Gaming tables will be arranged around the walls while in the center of the ballroom space will be left for dancing.

Jesse V. Andrews is chairman of the committee on arrangements and is being assisted by C. L. Thompson, Foster Sims, E. F. Walden and Victor Eckley.

A feature of the Days of '49 show

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## NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE G. A. R.



Venerable leaders of a fast vanishing army, the new national officers of the G. A. R. are shown here after their election at the recent annual encampment at St. Paul, Minn. Left to right: Col. Russell C. Martin of Los Angeles, commander, who has held that post since the death of William P. Wright several months ago; Capt. Thomas H. Peacock of Minneapolis, senior vice commander, and David H. Foster of Ft. Wayne, Ind., chairman of the executive committee.

## NEW SIGNS WILL BE PLACED ALONG UNION CO. ROADS

New and larger signs will be placed on roads in Union county in the near future, it was announced by C. H. Gunther, of Portland, during a visit here Thursday. Mr. Gunther is manager of the membership department of the Oregon State Motor association.

It reports that the new type of direction sign will be easier to read due to larger type and aluminum paint letters and figures. They soon will be ready to install, he said, and estimated that about \$800 would be spent in Union county replacing signs destroyed and in general, improving the direction information.

## FAIR WEATHER IS FORECAST

Fair weather for the remainder of this week was predicted for Eastern Oregon by the weather bureau in Portland today, although cooler temperatures were in store.

Thursday La Grande experienced August-like weather with the mercury moving up to 80 above despite partly cloudy skies. Apparently the equinoctial storms which resulted in excess precipitation this month, locally, have come to an end.

The minimum this morning was 46

## Texas Scrapper Knocks Himself Out in Battle

DENISON, Tex., Sept. 29 (AP) — Kid Granite of Dallas knocked himself out in a fight here last night.

In the fifth of a ten round go with Cullen Williams of Madill, Granite let go a haymaker coming up but Williams dodged and Granite crashed his head into the ring platform. Unconscious, he was counted out.

## TRUCK OWNERS ORGANIZE HERE

A local division of the Truck Owners and Farmers Protective association was organized at a meeting held in the city hall Thursday, at which Attorney Smith, of Pendleton, spoke concerning the new truck and bus law. A. R. Roberts, also of Umatilla county, told of what other counties are doing and of the rapid growth of the organization which stands for the rights of the farmer and small truck operator.

Harry Welmer, of Cove, was elected president, and Fred Young, of La Grande, secretary. Directors are Columbus Fisher, Elgin; Walter McGrath, North Powder; Irvin Hess, Union; Gilbert Courtright, Cove; Guy Ocheltree, La Grande and T. S. McArthur, La Grande. Directors will meet on Friday, Oct. 6 for further discussions.

## PENDLETON'S BANK MAY BE OPENED SOON

First Inland Bank on List of Those U. S. Plans to Reorganize.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (AP) — Pushing the administration's plans to re-open banks of the nation and expand purchasing power, the treasury has completed details for reorganization of 375 national banks in 37 states.

The action followed the recent administration announcement that it would hasten the reopening of banks to release nearly two billions of dollars still tied up in the closed institutions.

The comptroller of the currency's department has been expanded to speed up the reopening program. Comptroller O'Connor did not say how soon the banks would be open for business, contenting himself with making public the list and saying the plans for reorganization had been ap-

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## PRUNE HARVEST AT UNION, COVE NOW UNDER WAY

UNION (Special) — The harvesting of the Union and Cove prune crops got under way Thursday with small crews at work in the orchards picking the fruit. Packing began this afternoon at the Fruit Growers' association warehouse and the Littleler warehouse, the latter in charge of Carl Stackland of Cove. A very light crop is reported due to irregularities in the growing season and to the lack of pollination in the spring.

Heavy cutting will be necessary because of a bacterial growth that caused many of the prunes to show spots. The total shipment from Union is estimated at 15 cars as against 40 to 60 in other years. Of this number Union will market 7 cars, Stackland 6 and others 2.

Growers have no complaint of the price this year as Schwartz of Detroit, has guaranteed 45 cents per fancy display lug, for three tons from Union and two from Cove. Growers hope to get that price on the total shipment as the prune crop has been scarce in other sections. This price will net the grower about \$30 per ton.

## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood today at about 50 1/2 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29 (AP) — Big export purchases of wheat at Winnipeg did much to put backbone into grain quotations today, but speculative demand here lagged and gains failed to hold at the last.

Late estimates indicated 2,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat were acquired today to be shipped abroad. Great Britain was said to have been the largest buyer. Wheat closed easy, at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/8 lower, corn unchanged to 1/8 advance, oats 1/8 off to 1/8 up, and provisions unchanged to 1/2 decline.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

JURY TAKES URSCHEL CASE  
REDS SLAIN IN HAVANA  
MCKEE ENTERS N. Y. RACE  
COOS BAY BRIDGE ADVANCED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 29 (AP) — Judge Edgar S. Vaughn delivered his charge to the jury in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping conspiracy trial this afternoon.

HAVANA, Sept. 29 (AP) — At least three persons were killed and eleven wounded when soldiers opened fire today on Communists marching in a demonstration staged in honor of Julio Antonio Mella, slain student Communist leader, who was killed in Mexico.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29 (AP) — Joseph V. McKee announced his candidacy today for mayor of New York City. McKee will run as an Independent Democrat against Major Fiorella La Guardia, Independent Republican running under the fusion banner, and Mayor John F. O'Brien, the candidate of Tammany hall.

SALEM, Sept. 29 (AP) — Securing a federal public works administration loan and grant is the remaining arrangement to be made before the proposed Coos Bay bridge at North Bend can be constructed. J. M. Devens, state highway commission attorney said. The war department today approved the construction plans of the Coos Bay span which is the longest of the proposed five Oregon coast highway bridges.

## NELSON FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Funeral services for James Nelson, pioneer resident of La Grande, will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Paul Mortimore of the Christian church, will be in charge.

Mr. Nelson, who has been constable of the La Grande district for several years, died yesterday morning. He was born in Mountain Springs Station, Idaho on May 17, 1876. He came with his parents to La Grande in 1896 and made his home here until death. He had been ill for a number of years.

Mr. Nelson leaves his widow, Mrs. Daisy Nelson, of La Grande; a daughter, Mrs. H. C. Stratton, of Portland; two brothers, Nels Nelson, of Ogden, Utah, and Joseph Nelson, of La Grande; a sister, Mrs. O. O. Johnson, of La Grande, besides several nieces and nephews.

## RELIEF PROGRAM RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE OF 32

PORTLAND, Sept. 29 (AP) — An 88,000,000 relief program in which the state of Oregon will raise \$5,000,000, and the government will provide the rest, has been agreed upon as necessary to meet the unemployment situation in Oregon for the next 15 months.

At an all-day session here Thursday the governor's "committee of 32" completed its findings. The governor is expected to deliver the report to the legislature in special session, probably about Oct. 23.

A tax on alcoholic liquors will constitute the largest single item in the program to provide the necessary \$5,000,000. It was estimated that after repeal of the 18th amendment, state sale and control of hard liquor and the beer and wine taxes will yield \$2,500,000 of the necessary money.

An increase in the state's "take" of pari-mutual betting on horse and

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## BONNEVILLE DAM GIVEN \$20,000,000

Public Works Administration Formally Approves Big Project.

## PORTLAND, OTHER CITIES CELEBRATE

Total Cost of Development, to Combine Power, Navigation, Flood Control \$81,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (AP) — The public works administration today allotted \$20,000,000 for the construction of a dam and six power units at Bonneville, Oregon, on the Columbia river, to boost employment in the area and make the Columbia navigable to beyond The Dalles, Ore.

Portland, Vancouver, and other cities in the lower and mid-Columbia sections of Oregon and Washington staged impromptu celebrations today as the news of the allotment was received.

The total cost of the development, which will combine power, navigation and flood control, will be \$81,000,000. It will benefit a large section of the Pacific Northwest especially Oregon, Washington and Idaho and will result in generation of cheap power for the area with additional power units to be added later as the market for power expands.

It was estimated work on the dam will be given 17,000 men, with between 800 and 600 to be employed within 45 days.

## TO BEGIN WORK SOON

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 29 (AP) — Major C. F. Williams, district U. S. engineer here, said today he hopes to have the engineering offices for the Bonneville dam opened in Portland next week and that a crew of engineers and draftsmen will be put to work on the \$31,000,000 project as soon as authorization is received from Washington, D. C.

## Pinchot Talks With President About Strikes

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Sept. 29 (AP) — Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania flew here today to confer with President Roosevelt on moves to end the labor trouble in the Western Pennsylvania bituminous fields where 7600 men are on strike.

Asked if he was going to request federal intervention, the governor replied that "I am going to talk over everything."

Accompanied by Mrs. Pinchot he landed in a national guard plane at the government field at New Hackensack, 11 miles distant.

## TUITION FEES NOT REQUIRED

A story in Thursday's Observer, listing non-resident students in La Grande High school, was construed by many to appear that those students would have to pay special tuition fees. None of those appearing in the list published Thursday are required to pay tuition fees, Clerk Raymond O. Williams said today.

## LIBRARY PLANS STORY HOUR

Children of all ages are invited to attend the story hour at the La Grande public library tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. It will be held in the basement under the direction of Miss Gertrude Wagener.

## ADMITS KILLING HIS SON IN "MERCY ACT"

BEAVER, Pa., Sept. 29 (AP) — Plead-guilty to slaying his 15-year-old invalid son to save him from suffering, Robert T. Simington says he now regrets what he regarded at first as an "act of mercy."

There might have been "some other way out," he told the court yesterday. Previously Simington, an unemployed bookkeeper, said he felt the boy, Burton, faced a hopeless future because of illness, poverty and homelessness. "I just killed my boy," officers quoted him as saying.

## THE NEW DEAL IDEA REACHES NEW YORK

