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6 DANGEROUS INSANE MEN ESCAPE

NRA PARADE PLANS GOING AHEAD HERE

Committees to be Named at Meeting of Labor Group This Evening.

CELEBRATION TO BE ON SATURDAY

Committee Reports Almost 99 Per Cent of Employers Here are Under Blue Eagle.

Plans for La Grande's big NRA celebration to be held Saturday night and to feature a parade "Dance to Depression" parade, were going ahead steadily today, according to R. Z. Baxter, president of the Central Labor council in charge of the program.

A meeting is to be held tonight with the heads of all organized and unorganized labor here invited to attend. Committee appointments will be made for the Saturday event.

The city has assured the labor council of complete co-operation in reference to the celebration.

The NRA local committee announced today that so far 209 have signed the president's re-employment agreement in La Grande and that only three have failed as yet to make themselves eligible for a Blue Eagle.

This makes the percentage of employers operating under the NRA here at a fraction less than 99 per cent, which is regarded as an enviable record.

Announcement also was made that the parade will be open to all Blue Eagle signers who care to participate.

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Fire Prevention Week Proclaimed For La Grande

With national, state and city fire prevention week now under way, La Grander are being urged to check over their homes, stores, etc., to determine if there are any fire hazards that can be eliminated.

City Manager Angus McAllister today announced that a fire prevention week proclamation had been issued here, naming Oct. 8 to 14, inclusive, as local fire prevention week.

President Roosevelt and Governor Meier both issued proclamations setting aside this week for the same purpose.

Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay particularly urges that furnaces, flues, trash piles, etc. be investigated to determine if there is any chance of a fire starting from one or more such causes.

FALL WEATHER REMAINS WARM IN LA GRANDE

Unusually warm October weather continued in La Grande today, with the weather forecast calling for fair weather and moderate temperatures for tonight and tomorrow.

Sunday's maximum was 80 after 83 above was registered Saturday, and it was the fifth consecutive day of 80 or above weather here. The minimum last night was 48 above.

BAND TO MEET THIS EVENING

The regular rehearsal of the La Grande band will be held this evening at 8 p. m. at the Central Church of Christ. The band is planning to give several concerts this winter if there is a demand for them. Several plans have been suggested for continuing the band but no definite conclusions have been reached. All members of the band are urged to attend this evening's rehearsal.

33 MILES PIPELINE IN CITY LIMITS

If all of La Grande's city water pipelines were stretched out in straight lines, one of them would reach to Union, another to Imbler, and there would be almost enough left to go to Perry and back.

There are more than 33 miles of pipeline within the city limits—totaling 173,807 feet.

Of this amount there are eight

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 8 — When you really figure it out, there is no individual that is as funny as a nation. (any nation, not just this.) An Argentine president visited Brazil (the first time in generations). He went there in an Argentine battleship, was met by Brazilian cruisers and 75 fighting planes. Now all this, mind you, is on a good will trip. Imagine individuals doing that. I go to visit you, take along a Winchester and belt full of cartridges. You meet me at your gate with your best polished machine gun and two Colt .45s, but at the banquet that night there is wonderful speeches of good will. Then next morning both of them start building more guns. Viva diplomacy. Nobody is fooled. Nobody is hurt. Yours, Will Rogers

MRS. MCCARTHY, PIONEER OF '62, TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Irene McCarthy, widow of Jack McCarthy who died a few years ago, passed away at the home of her daughter at 4:30 o'clock this morning. Death, coming after a long illness, removed another of La Grande's earlier pioneers.

Mrs. McCarthy, born in Illinois Nov. 22, 1860, came to La Grande across the plains with her parents in 1862, one year after the first house was built in Old Town. She made her home here until death. She was 72 years, 10 months and 17 days of age.

Funeral services will be announced later. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

Mrs. McCarthy is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Reed McAllister, a son, W. R. Courtwright, of Stayton, Ore.; two brothers, Oronus (Bud) Truesdell, of La Grande, and C. E. Truesdell, of Ogden, Utah besides other relatives.

H. E. WALTER TO GIVE HOME LOAN TALKS ON OCT. 11

H. E. Walter, assistant state manager of the Home Owners Loan corporation, is to be in La Grande Wednesday. He is to meet with the Rotary club at the noon luncheon, and in the afternoon will hold a public meeting at the Sacajawea Inn at 2 p. m.

Coincident with news of Mr. Walter's plans to be here, C. J. Shorb, district manager, said that he had received information that farms up to 40 and 50 acres had been included in property eligible for home loans.

Mr. Walter will be in Umatilla

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ANDERSON PASSES BAR EXAMINATION

George L. Anderson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson Sr., of this city, has passed the state bar examination, according to word received here by his parents. He is at present affiliated with the firm of attorneys, Rauch, MacVegh and Olson in Portland.

He is a graduate of the University of Oregon law school with the class of 1933, and of the La Grande High school in 1927.

COAL FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED

The fire department was called to the Van Petten Lumber company coal yards at 4:45 o'clock Saturday afternoon to extinguish a fire that started from spontaneous combustion in the slack coal. Practically no damage was done, firemen report.

PLAN GRADE SCHOOL BAND, ORCHESTRA

Beginners' Instrumental Classes Also Provided For This Year.

PARENTS, STUDENTS ATTEND MEETING

Classes, in Charge of Andrew Loney, Music Supervisor, to Begin on Saturday.

Beginners' instrumental classes and the organization of a grade school band and orchestra will again be offered this year by the music department of the schools. All students who desire to learn to play an instrument will be permitted to enroll in these classes provided they have an instrument or can obtain one.

These beginners' classes proved highly successful last year when 18 students in the senior high school band who received their sole musical training in the beginners' classes and junior band last year and three from the beginning string class and junior orchestra have been admitted to the

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Gangster Slain On North Side Chicago Street

CHICAGO, Oct. 9 (AP) — Gus Winkler, gangster, "public enemy" and reputed killer, was shot and killed today on a north side street.

Winkler was found on a sidewalk near a beer distributing agency. He died shortly after being taken to John B. Murphy hospital.

Once an associate of the notorious "Killer Fred" Burke, now in Michigan penitentiary, Winkler figured prominently in returning \$2,000,000 in loot taken by robbers from a bank at Lincoln, Neb.

ATTEND P. T. A. MEET SATURDAY

Mrs. Pete Troutman, Mrs. L. A. Kennedy, Miss Sarah Williamson and Miss Ruth Brown, members of Willow Parent Teacher association, attended the meeting of the Union Council of Parent Teacher associations Saturday afternoon at the Island City school.

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RECOVERY

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ON STRIKE

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Oct. 9 (AP) — Realities late today in which corn took the lead lifted grain prices vigorously from early low price levels.

Expectance that something important to the grain trade would be announced this afternoon in Washington by the comptroller of the currency had considerable to do with stimulating upturns of values.

Sentiment regarding corn especially became less bearish than of late, and belief prevailed that liquidation of the corn market had been thorough.

Corn closed strong, 1 1/4 @ 1 1/2c above Saturday's finish, wheat 1/2 @ 1 1/2c down, oats 1/4 @ 1/2c advanced, and provisions varying from 2 cents decline to a rise of 10 cents.

Might of Legion Displayed in Giant Parade



In a blaze of dazzling color, to the thunder of martial music, 150,000 American Legionnaires marched in the most spectacular parade in Chicago's history. A half million spectators lined the route of the impressive procession. This view, looking north from the Art Institute, shows the paraders on Michigan avenue.

LA GRANDE HIGH TEAM TROUNCES MAC-HI GRID SQUAD SATURDAY 41-7

Milton-Freewater met an entirely new type of La Grande eleven here Saturday afternoon and when the dust of battle had settled over the gridiron, the Pioneers trudged wearily to their lockers on the short end of a 41 to 7 score.

The Tigers, led by the expert passing and generalship of diminutive Buddy Reynolds, crushed the Mac-Hi football team for its worst beating in many years. And pre-game beating indicated the two teams were about on par!

Few football fans in this neck of the woods have seen so many passes and deceptive plays in any one game as they saw Saturday. Forty-seven passes were thrown, 20 of them successful and five intercepted.

Mac-Hi's only touchdown came in the third period when Ballou took a long pass thrown from Mac-Hi's 30 yard line, and galloped some 50 yards to scoring territory.

Most of La Grande's touchdowns came on passes, or followed passes. Taking advantage of a Mac-Hi fumble on the Pioneers' 10-yard line in the first period, Reynolds threw a pass to Floberg who was downed on the four-yard line. After a five-yard

penalty, E. DeBole passed to Bud who raced over the line. Alvey kicked goal and the score was 7 to 0.

Mac-Hi carried the ball to La Grande's 25-yard line before another Pioneer back fumbled, the Tigers recovering. Then came more passes, including one from midfield by Reynolds which Irwin took, reaching the three-yard line before being tackled. Three plays later DeBole smashed the line for a yard and a second touchdown, Alvey again kicking goal.

A blocked Mac-Hi punt early in the second quarter gave the Tigers another chance to score. Taking the ball on the two-yard line, Johnson went over on the first play and R.

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MEYERS HERE FROM SALEM

Mr. and Mrs. Don Meyers and daughter, Ellen, of Salem, are spending ten days in La Grande with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Allinson. Mr. Meyers, part owner of the Liberty and Granada theatre buildings, also is looking after business interests.

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CLUB BOYS, GIRLS GATHER AT UNION

UNION, Ore. (Special)—About 40 boys and girls belonging to the 4-H clubs in Baker county together with their parents gathered at the Eastern Oregon experiment station Saturday for an all-day picnic.

The picnic objective was the stock judging contests to determine the team that would be awarded a trip to the Pacific International. Phil Fortner, county agent and leader of the 4-H club groups, accompanied them and kept the score cards. Two classes of beef and dairy cattle besides sheep and hogs were judged by the contestants. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chandler, of Baker, were among the visitors at the station.

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Wheat Today

The price of local wheat stood today at about 50 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 67 1/2 cents.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

KELLY JURY IS COMPLETED

AMERICANS FLEE TO SAFETY

GRANT REVIEW IN PINE CASE

CELESTO BRIDGE APPROVED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 9 (AP) — A jury was completed with unexpected speed today for the trial of George and Kathryn Kelly for the Charles F. Urschel kidnapping. Kelly and his wife, Kathryn, scuffled in the federal building lobby with their guard today in a belligerent prelude to their trial. As a result, Kelly has a swelling, bloodstained lip, under his dyed yellow hair, made by a pistol butt. His slim wife swung a stinging slap to the cheek of Federal Agent J. C. White when he tried to hurry her into the elevator.

HAVANA, Oct. 9 (AP) — Dispatches from Oriente province today said the four remaining American officials of the Beha when manganese mines at Daiquiri had been forced to flee for their lives because of threats of striking workmen. All reached Santiago safely.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (AP) — The federal trade commission was granted a review today by the supreme court of a ruling of the ninth circuit court of appeals setting aside a commission order which prohibited the Algon and eleven other lumber companies from selling in interstate commerce ponderosa pine as "California white pine."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (AP) — Assistant Secretary of War Woodring today approved plans for a bridge across the Columbia river and Ocello canal about four miles east of The Dalles, Ore.

GENEVA, Oct. 9 (AP) — The steering committee of the world disarmament conference today voted to resume the full parity on October 16, as previously planned.

"BUY NOW" DRIVE UNDER WAY TODAY OVER THE NATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (AP) — NRA's "buy now" campaign today was up to the American housewife.

To her, spender of 85 per cent of the family income, Hugh S. Johnson especially addressed his appeal to buy, "not only to save money but also because every dollar spent now is helping to keep the wage earner in her family on a payroll."

For her too, as she made up Monday's shopping list, store windows were refurbished and advertising intensified in a joint effort with the

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RECOGNIZE ORDER FIRING HUMPHREYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (AP) — The federal trade commission today officially recognized President Roosevelt's order removing William E. Humphrey as a member.

After meeting an hour and a half, the membership resolved to "recognize the validity of the executive order removing Mr. Humphrey, and we hereby decline to further recognize Mr. Humphrey as a member of the federal trade commission."

Humphrey intended to make a legal fight to retain his office. The next step probably will be for him to sue for his salary and on refusal of the salary, to seek further action in the courts.

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STATE LIQUOR STORE PLAN RECOMMENDED

PORTLAND, Oct. 9 (AP) — A system of state liquor stores to control the distribution and sale of all liquor and alcoholic beverages in Oregon once the 18th amendment has been repealed, will be recommended to the special session of the state legislature by the governor's committee on liquor regulation.

The legislature is expected to be called in special session within two weeks.

Members of the committee recommended that hotels be not permitted to dispense liquor or drinks containing more than 14 per cent alcohol by volume.

Revenue derived from sale of liquor and beverages by the state, the committee proposed, shall be distributed on a basis of 25 per cent to the state and 75 per cent to the counties.

The committee recommended that

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SALEM GUARD BLUDGEONED BY VIOLENTS

Police Officers and Special Deputies Begin Manhunt Today

USE BLOODHOUNDS TO ASSIST SEARCH

Two of Six Have Criminal Records, All Reported As Dangerous to Society.

SALEM, Oct. 9 (AP)—Aided by bloodhounds, police officers and special deputies today pressed a manhunt for six men who escaped from the ward for criminally insane, who saved and blackjacked their way to freedom from the Oregon state hospital for the insane last night.

No trace of the missing violent had been reported today as the search was broadened to include the entire state.

Superintendent R. E. Lee Stiner said no further implements were found in the hospital.

William O. Bowen, who was committed to the hospital this year, was believed by Stiner to be the one who first obtained the saw. "He undoubtedly had an outside accomplice who managed to get the blades up to him from the outside," Stiner said. "There was an open space below the windows of the ward."

When Attendant Charles O. Williams was making his rounds at about 10 o'clock last night, four inmates of the criminally insane ward overpowered him and used his own club to bludgeon him into unconsciousness. The men had awed their way out of their cells, advanced along the corridor and hidden by a gate.

After felling Williams, they took his keys, let out two other inmates and made their way from the third story of the hospital to the back of the building where they escaped. Presently Williams regained consciousness and spread the alarm.

Guards at the state penitentiary and crews with trained bloodhounds were summoned to assist in the hunt.

The escapes:

A. R. Carter, 21, committed from Linn county.

William O. Bowen, 42, committed from Lincoln county, Aug. 3, 1933.

George Furrin, 34, machineist, from Multnomah county, Aug. 15, 1931.

Adolph Bower, 33, barber, committed from Lincoln county July 28, 1933.

Elmer Becker, 35, barber, from Multnomah county Nov. 16, 1928.

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Railroad, Cotton Industries Show Employment Gain

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9 (AP) — Increased employment in the railroad and cotton industries was reported today in two official quarters.

The national recovery administration was told that under the cotton textile code, employment in the cotton industry had increased from 320,000 workers in March to 460,000 in September.

The interstate commerce commission said railroad employment was up 3.7 per cent at the middle of September as compared with the same month a year ago. On the September payroll there were 1,030,090 men compared with 1,014,746 on Aug. 15.

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