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LA GRANDE GETS BIG CONVENTION

B. OF L. E. WILL CONVENE HERE EARLY IN JULY

Seven Hundred Out-of-Town Expected to Be Here For Sessions.

G. I. A. WILL MEET IN THIS CITY ALSO

Eleven Western States And Three Canadian Provinces Included in Railroad Organization.

A convention which is expected to be the most expensive ever held in La Grande is promised for July of this year, according to word received yesterday by C. M. Humphreys, secretary of the B. of L. E. No. 302 of La Grande. The sessions of the convention will take place in the Sackajawa Inn, the length of time to be announced later, but will require from two to four days, and will close on the evening before the opening of the Old Timers semi-centennial celebration, July 19.

Officially, the meeting is called the Western Union Meeting, Association of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and includes 11 western states and three provinces, extending from British Columbia to Arizona, comprising 146 divisions, which represent approximately 4500 members of this organization. It is expected that there will be approximately 300 delegates, and possibly as many visitors, many of the delegates being accompanied by their wives, who will attend the meeting of the G. I. A. which will be in session simultaneously. This will probably mean about 700 persons will attend from out of town, it is said.

This is the first time that a convention of this organization has been held in a town of less than 100,000 people, and is only made possible by the co-operation of the Old Timers' club and the chamber of commerce, who are backing the affair. The suggestion was made by Mr. Humphreys to the local organization which immediately voted to foster the bringing of the convention to La Grande. Fred Johnson is chief engineer of the local lodge.

The chairman of the convention will be H. Mackey, of Vancouver, B. C.

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Convention of Churches To Be Here May 3, 4, 5

Announcement was made today of the annual convention of the Churches of Christ of Northeastern Oregon which will be held in the La Grande church on May 3, 4 and 5. A large delegation is expected from the churches of this district and a guest speaker will be present from Western Oregon.

There will be a number of special sessions for young people, according to those in charge of the arrangements for the program, as well as other interesting features for all members of the denomination.

RETURNS HERE TO MAKE HOME

Mrs. Ernest Root, who has been living in Portland for some time, has returned to her former home here and has accepted a position in the office of the M. J. Goss garage.

U. S. MARSHAL VISITOR HERE

U. S. Marshal J. T. Summerville was in La Grande early this week on business in connection with a land sale which took place Tuesday. His headquarters are in Portland.

ANGLERS OUT BUT FEW TROUT REPORTED YET

The fishing season opened an hour before sunrise this morning—but at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon leading hardware stores around town had no fish on display! Howard Young, of the Observer, came in about noon with a dozen nice fish from Parnip creek, near Lostine. In former years, there always was a rush to see who could get into La Grande with the first

Looks to Turks To Nab Dillinger

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Apr. 4.—Well, they had a big moving picture opening in Hollywood last night. Dillinger was there, I suppose he was. He is everywhere else where anything of importance takes place. Looks like the only way we are ever going to catch him is to wait till he hires a yacht and starts through Turkey. If I was in a mood I wouldn't mind coming back here and facing an investigation, if nothing more happens than at all the other investigations that start out so sensationally and peter out so quickly. Investigations are held just for photographs. Yours,

Will Rogers.
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REDUCE WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS OF CITY THIS MONTH

With a tax turnover of \$27,000 to the city the last few weeks, City Manager Angus McAllister announced last night following the regular city council meeting, that the warrant indebtedness of the city has been reduced to less than \$51,000. More tax returns are expected, as the sheriff's office has not yet completed receipting of taxes paid in on and up to March 15. Mr. McAllister said. Informal discussion also was had concerning marking of parking spaces, loading zones, etc. on the streets, and it was indicated this will be done in the near future. The salary list for the month of March, in the amount of \$4,654.20, was ordered paid by warrant, and the city manager's financial report showed cash on hand at \$15,173.95, divided as follows: La Grande bank \$7,693.32, Portland bank \$5,253.88, cash \$2,787.88, remainder in warrants. The report also showed \$2,690.48 in general warrants retired during the week, and \$4,000 paid in calling in general bonds.

HOUSE BREAKING CASES CLEARED UP BY POLICE

A series of house breakings over the weekend were cleared up late yesterday by the city police, and today one boy, Ernest Conradt, nearly 17, was held in the city jail and another, Billy Weiss, 14 or 15, under surveillance. Wiley Blainett, city policeman, said that both boys confessed to him. Their arrest, Mr. Blainett said, resulted from meagre clues. A neighbor saw a boy leave one of the houses which he later learned was broken into, and gave a description to the police. Suspicion was directed toward the Conradt boy, and yesterday afternoon Fred Robertson, of K avenue, who lost some chickens, accompanied him.

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SCOUT COURT OF HONOR SATURDAY

All the Boy Scout troops of the city are expected to participate in a court of honor and rally to be held in the high school gymnasium Saturday evening beginning at 7:30. N. W. Pries is in charge of the court of honor and Elmo Stevenson will have charge of the rally which will consist of a demonstration by members of each troop present.

The event was originally planned for Friday evening, but has been changed to Saturday evening instead, because of conflicting events.

'Peaches' Back On Divorce Row



She's turning back to single blessedness, announces "Peaches" Brown, above, "slim"—yes, slim—"attractive, and 23," as her lawyer describes her. The blond business actress will divorce "Daddy" Brown, whom she married eight years ago, as soon as she can establish Chicago residence, she says, asking no alimony. She was refused a decree in 1931.

OFFER EXCHANGE TO BOND HOLDERS

Any confusion which might exist in the minds of bond holders concerning announcement of partial redemption April 15 of Fourth Liberty Loan bonds, with optional exchange offering, may be straightened out through information now available at the First National bank of La Grande, which has just received detailed information from the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco regarding the redemption.

All outstanding Fourth Liberty Loan registered bonds bearing serial numbers which end in 9, 0 and 1, and coupon bonds bearing prefixed letters J, K or A are called for redemption.

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STOCK SHOW TO BE HELD JUNE 7, 8, 9

Directors Go Back to Old Policy—Officers Re-elected For 1934.

UNION, Ore., Apr. 5 (Special)—After a year's trial of holding the Eastern Oregon Livestock show in the late summer, the association has gone back to its original plan of staging the annual exposition early in June.

Wednesday night at a meeting of the association, the dates were set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 7, 8 and 9.

At the same session officers were elected for the year—or rather, re-elected. All three executive officers were returned to their posts. They are Herbert Chandler, Baker, president; G. I. Hess, Union, vice president, and Tony D. Smith, Union, secretary.

A state appropriation of \$1,250 will be available for premiums for the show this year, part of an appropriation voted at the last regular legislative session. If this were not used this year, it would revert to the state general fund.

Directors expect larger exhibits this year than last, especially since there

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Epworth League Lake Institute To Be July 16-22

Dr. H. G. McCallister, of Boise, superintendent of this district, was in La Grande yesterday conferring with Rev. W. H. Heitzog in regard to the faculty for the coming Epworth League institute at Wallowa Lake, July 16 to 22. Dr. McCallister has been conducting a class in Bible study in connection with a teacher training class in the North Powder church and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bach accompanied him to La Grande yesterday.

JACK DEMPSEY IS LOSER IN RING BATTLE—WOMAN PUTS HIM ON THE RUN

ALEXANDRIA, La., April 5 (AP)—Jack Dempsey lost a ring battle here last night. Worse than that, he was forced into ignominious retreat from the scene of contest. It all happened as the ex-heavyweight champion was refereeing a heavyweight wrestling match and the 95-pound wife of one of the participants climbed into the roped square and took a hand in proceedings. Dempsey lost his shirt and a good deal of hair.

Quake Rips Furrow in Earth Crust



Earthquake cracks as wide as 14 inches were left by shocks that rocked the vicinity of Kosmo, Utah, at the northern end of Great Salt Lake. Geologist Frederick A. Pack and his wife are shown here, their car spanning one of the cracks, which extend for miles. The shocks threw water from the lake more than two miles beyond its natural borders.

FINGERPRINTS TO BE CHECKED WITH MURDER SUSPECT

BREMERTON, Wash., April 5 (AP)—Fingerprint work under way today promised to decide the importance of an arrest at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in the search for the slayers of six persons here a week ago tonight and the outcome was awaited with intense interest.

In his Seattle laboratory, Luke S.

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25 ARE DEAD IN MID-WEST FLOOD AREA

Nine Bodies Recovered in Oklahoma—Nine Killed in Wisconsin.

By The Associated Press. At least 25 persons are believed dead, a number are missing and the property damage is near a million dollars as a result of floods in the north and southwest.

In Western and Northern Wisconsin the death list stood at nine. Officials mapped relief plans at Eau Claire for victims in eight counties swamped by rains and melting snow.

Storms in Ohio caused damage estimated at \$100,000. A man was killed by lightning at Canton.

In Kansas the rains continued but were less serious. Farmers expected their crops to benefit. Snow held up highway and air traffic in the Rocky mountain region and lay as deep as 15 inches in places in the Dakota hills.

In the east ten families near Hartford, Conn., abandoned their homes

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SUBMIT \$685,040 BID ON BRIDGE

PORTLAND, Apr. 5 (AP)—Three Portland contractors joined forces here today in submitting a low bid of \$685,040 for construction of the Oregon coast highway Asea bridge at Waldport, when proposals were opened by the Oregon highway commission.

This bid was offered by Lindstrom & Feiginson, Parker & Banfield, and T. H. Banfield.

Bids were also opened today on 11 other highway projects, including two jobs on "Route 7" of the Eugene to Blushaw highway.

Wheat Today

The price of local wheat stood at about 51 1/2 cents bulk here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Export bid 73 1/2 cents, Portland cash 72 cents.

CHICAGO, Apr. 5 (AP)—Except during a little spurt of buying toward the last, weakness prevailed in the wheat market today, and prices averaged lower.

Inflation talk had died down, and yesterday's sharp advance of wheat values was regarded as having undetermined the trade position. Attention continued to focus chiefly on legislative developments at Washington.

Wheat closed unsettled, 1/4 @ 1/2c under yesterday's finish, May 86 1/2 @ 1/2c, corn unchanged to 1/2c higher, oats unchanged to 1/4c lower, and provisions unchanged to 20c up.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

HOUSE PASSES BOND BILL

3,200 GET OLD AGE PENSIONS

SALLY EILERS ON STAND

"REFORM" BILL IS BEATEN

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—The house today passed a bill to guarantee the principle of home loan mortgage bonds, and sent it back to the senate without a provision requested by President Roosevelt to bar politics in making appointments to the Home Owners Loan corporation.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 5 (AP)—Over 3,200 elderly men and women of Oregon who had hoped for and applied for some financial aid under the old age pension law, not more than 3,200 are receiving assistance, and the average for each of these is somewhat less than \$10 a month. An Associated Press survey reveals. Union county's monthly average was close to \$10 for each of the 91 pensioners, while Wallowa, approving only 7 out of 62 applications, was on the \$10 basis.

LOS ANGELES, April 5 (AP)—Blonde Sally Eilers, movie actress and expectant mother, was called to the stand today in superior court as a witness for Marjorie Whitels, who is suing Miss Eilers' husband, Harry Brown, for \$100,000 damages, alleging breach of promise to marry.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 5 (AP)—Governor Lehman's chief public utilities "reform" bill, intended to permit municipalities to go into the power business, was defeated by the senate today.

WHEAT ADVISORY COMMISSION IN OPENING SESSION

ROME, Apr. 5 (AP)—With an American in the chair, the world wheat advisory commission met today to seek new ways and means of raising and stabilizing the prices of wheat.

John Van A. Mac Murray, American minister to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, presided at the opening session.

With the general idea in mind of reducing the world's supply and increasing the demand for wheat, the commission—consisting of delegates from the United States, Canada, Argentina, Australia, England, France, Germany, Russia and seven other smaller nations—began consideration of the following proposals:

1. Set minimum prices for wheat exports;
2. Discourage government financial assistance, which depresses export prices;
3. Withdraw low qualities of wheat from human consumption by denaturing them and feeding to cattle.

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ONE VICTIM OF CRASH ESCAPES

GALLI, Colombia, April 5 (AP)—Newton C. Marshall, of Milwaukee, was reported found alive today, the only survivor of an airplane crash on March 10 in the Andes.

The report of the discovery was made officially by the Bolivar-Valle department.

It was said that five bodies were found in the cabin of the airplane, the Von Krohn of the Seattle airline.

HUEY BELLIGERENT AT SENATE HEARING

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Senator Huey Long invited Edward Rightor, attorney for D. D. Moore of New Orleans, to "step outside" today during a heated exchange before the senate finance committee about New Orleans horse racing.

Order was quickly restored, however, and questioning resumed. The verbal duel started when William C. Grace, a Washington attorney, testified he had made bets at a New Orleans race track on the advice of officials and all his selections won.

Rightor broke in to say Grace was at a spring meeting and the Louisiana Jockey club, in which Colonel John P. Sullivan and Colonel E. R. Bradley were interested, did not have a meeting at that season. The track Grace visited, Rightor said, was Jefferson.

LAFOLLETTE'S TAX PLAN IS BEATEN 47-36

Senate, By This Action, Retains Less Severe Committee Schedule

SURTAX LEVY GAIN ALSO VOTED DOWN

Income Tax to Remain at Four Per Cent and Sur-tax to Stay at 1 to 55 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 5 (AP)—The senate today rejected a proposal to increase from 4 to 6 per cent the existing normal income tax and to levy surtaxes ranging from 6 to 71 per cent as against an existing range of 1 to 55 per cent.

It was offered by Senator LaFollette (R., Wis.)

By this action the senate retained the less severe finance committee schedule calling for a flat 4 per cent normal rate and surtaxes ranging from 5 to 59 per cent.

The committee surtaxes run through 20 brackets as compared with 28 in the house, bill and begin the 5 per cent on net incomes between \$4,000 and \$6,000 and reach 59 per cent on those over \$1,000,000.

The vote against the LaFollette rates was 47 to 36.

Senators McNary and Steiwer, of Oregon, voted against the LaFollette proposal.

British Believe Only Danger Of U. S. War in East

LONDON, Apr. 5 (AP)—The danger of a conflict involving Japan and Russia was viewed in responsible British quarters today as the sole war threat justifying the recommendation of the United States navy that the battleships California and Tennessee be kept in readiness for action.

Despite current uncertainties in Europe, the British view is that there is not the slightest possibility of America becoming involved in disturbances on this side of the Atlantic.

While Russo-Japanese tension has eased in the past few months, it was held, there is still some fear of the Pacific situation which was described here as "still the most inflammable spot in the world."

Persons close to the British admiralty take the view the United States navy wants to delay modernization of battleships for reasons of economy, pending the 1935 naval conference.

Owner of Theater Defies Blue Eagle

PORTLAND, April 5 (AP)—Insisting that he could not meet operating expenses at the prevailing wage scale and that the only alternative was to reduce pay or close the house, John C. Stille, manager of a theater here, Wednesday refused to comply with a decision of the NIRA regional board of Seattle which had directed him to pay two weeks' wages to discharged union employees, and to re-employ as many of them as are needed to operate the theater.

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