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WORLD WHEAT CONFERENCE FLOPS

CELEBRATION TO FEATURE OLD STYLES

U. P. Jubilee Here in July to Present the Vogue of the Early 80s.

SIDE SADDLES TO HAVE A BIG PART

SOS is sent Out For Help in Locating Saddles to Be Called For First of July.

Plans for the great semi-centennial celebration in La Grande July 19-21 of the coming of the U. P. railroad to Eastern Oregon in 1884, are going ahead nicely, according to a report of progress issued today. New phases of the celebration are being announced from time to time by the scores of committee workers. By July 21 Mrs. George Birnie will have added the modiste's art to her many accomplishments. Just how a well-groomed woman appeared on the bridepaths of Union county on a Sunday afternoon of the early 80s; what clothes Narcissa Whitman wore when she crossed the Grande Ronde valley in 1836—these and many like problems are being unraveled by Mrs. Birnie as chairman of the equestrian section of the celebration pageant. Further she has been on a still hunt for side saddles in quantities and following a conference last evening with various department chairmen of the pageant, today broadcasted an SOS for help. Every citizen of Union county who knows the whereabouts of a side saddle is urgently asked to get in touch with the chamber of commerce at La Grande in person or by letter so that every available side saddle may be procured. The saddles are not wanted now, but their whereabouts is desired immediately so that riders and gowns may be provided in sufficient quantities. The celebration management guarantees safe return of the property at the conclusion of the pageant, and will be glad to pick up the saddles about July 1. Furthermore

Church Workers Will Hold Rally Here on Monday

The W. M. S. and N. Y. P. S. zones of the Church of the Nazarene for Northeastern Oregon will hold a joint rally at the local church at Spruce and X Monday, May 14, it was announced today.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM WILL BE ON SUNDAY

The Eagles lodge and the Ladies Auxiliary are announcing a program which they will present jointly Sunday evening, May 13 at the hall. It will be a specially arranged "Mother's Day" program and the public is invited to attend. The hour is 8 o'clock.

FINAL GRADE SCHOOL EXHIBITS THURSDAY

The final two of the annual grade school exhibits were held yesterday afternoon and evening at Greenwood and Rivera schools, with large attendances noted at both places. The year's work of the students was displayed in many rooms, and was of unusual interest. Without exception, the work was excellent, and showed a high degree of progress during the last term. In addition to the usual school work, there were many displays of special projects, also. For example, in the first grade at Rivera the children had built a fire engine after visiting the city department, with all members taking part in the construction. Another project

Will Says Let F. R. Collect Debts



SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 10—See where President Roosevelt figures on having a free hand in the foreign debt settlement thing personally. That's fine, congress sent 'em a bill for the full amount, the senate threatened to sue 'em, the American taxpayers tried to shame 'em into paying, so let's turn it over to Mr. Roosevelt and give him a commission on what he can get. Either that or have the J. P. Morgan company foreclose on all of 'em. They are more afraid of him than they are of us.

The thing has dragged along so far now that it looks like we will have to lean some of 'em some more money in order to get 'em to even agree to cancel. Yours,

Mail Rogers 'KITCHENEERING' COOKING SCHOOL RECORD-BREAKER

With an attendance of 750 the opening day, 900 yesterday and an even larger crowd this afternoon, the Safeway Stores "Kitcheneering" cooking school came to a close late today after nearly 3,000 homemakers of the La Grande community had formed the three-day audience.

4-H CLUB EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED

Two 4-H club events will be held tomorrow in this county, one by the Imbler and Pleasant Grove Sheep clubs, who will hold a sheep-fitting demonstration, and the Union County Livestock club, which will hold a stock judging practice.

The stock judging practice will be held at the experiment station at Union. D. E. Richards, superintendent, is arranging classes in beef, cattle, sheep and hogs. The judging is to be a general county-wide affair preparatory to the contest at the Union stock show.

MERCURY AT 81- WARMEST IN MAY

La Grande, after two weeks of weather not so warm, had a touch of summer time yesterday with the mercury going up to 81 above under a clear sky. It was the warmest day since the heat wave of last April.

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COUNTY GETS \$12,600 FOR SERA IN MAY

Allotment Made Today—Work Continues on Fish Plant and Athletic Field Here.

Word was received in La Grande today that the SERA allotment for the month of May would total \$12,600, it was learned. An allotment somewhat larger than this was made for April, but locally it is believed the allotments will taper down somewhat during the summer, when need of relief work is at a minimum.

Work at present is being done on only two large projects, the fish hatchery at Union and the L. H. S. athletic field. It is expected that this latter project will be pretty well completed next week.

Family of Ten Taken From Freight Car

A family of ten, the father and mother and eight children including a set of triplets five years of age, was found riding on a freight train in La Grande last night by O-W. detectives.

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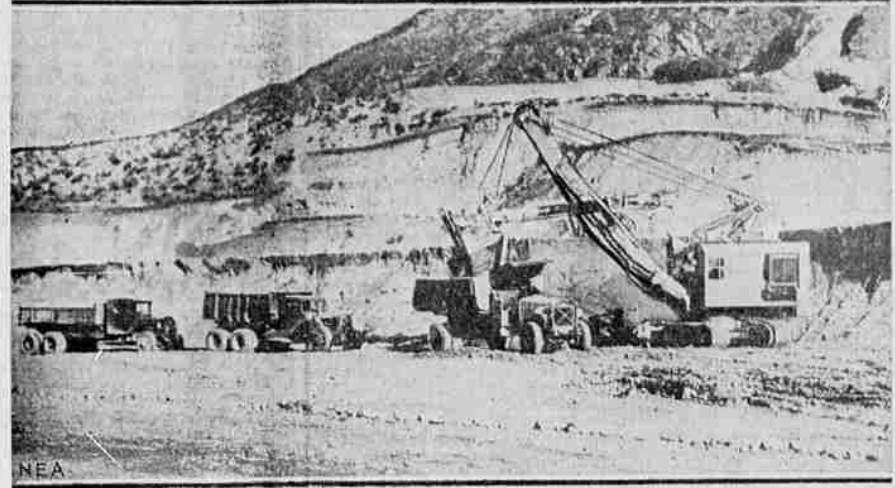
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Getting Down to Bedrock at Grand Coulee Site



Tearing away at shifting volcanic shale, giant steamshovels are busily engaged in reaching bedrock at the site of a second great Columbia river development—the \$63,000,000 Grand Coulee project, 80 miles west of Spokane in central Washington. The project, when completed, will develop hydro-electric energy and irrigate wide areas of arable land in the Pacific northwest.

SECOND CONCERT OF LA GRANDE'S MUSIC WEEK TONIGHT—THIRD SUNDAY

The second concert of Music week in La Grande will be held tonight at 8 p. m., when the schools of the city will present a "School Night" program, which was announced in detail earlier in the week.

The third and closing concert will be held Sunday evening, also at the L. D. S. tabernacle, when churches of the city will join in presenting a "Church Night" concert.

NEW OFFICERS AT L. H. S. INSTALLED

New student body officers of La Grande High school, who will serve during the coming year, were installed at an assembly today, with

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SILVER BILL ABOUT READY TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED ASUNCION IS THREATENED

WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP)—The senate silver bloc and Secretary Morgenthau virtually agreed today on the language of a silver bill, but it will be presented to President Roosevelt early next week before final terms are written.

PORTLAND, May 11 (AP)—An increase in workers on the Bonneville Columbia river dam from about 1,400 now employed, to 3,000 early in July, was predicted today by A. G. Johnson, of the national re-employment service. Bids for the \$8,000,000 main channel dam will be opened May 25.

RICHMOND, Ind., May 11 (AP)—Two men and a woman—Harry Hopkins, Vernon Taylor and Thelma Mitchell—suspected by police of being members of a gang that held up several banks in Ohio recently were arrested here today after being routed out of a house by tear gas.

START COURT BATTLE IN INSULL CASE

Defendant Refuses to Acknowledge Jurisdiction of U. S. District Court Today.

CHICAGO, May 11 (AP)—Giving bonds, Samuel Insull was released from the county jail today to await his trial by government and state.

CHICAGO, May 11 (AP)—Samuel Insull refused today to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the United States district court and uttered no plea to the charges of violating the bankruptcy act and using the mails fraudulently in selling his company stocks.

Brought from the county jail for his formal arraignment before Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, the elderly prisoner remained silent and aloof while his counsel entered a plea challenging his seizure in the harbor of Istanbul as illegal and refusing to plead him guilty or not guilty.

His fellow defendants on the bankruptcy charge, however, entered their plea of not guilty, and Judge Sullivan, without discussing the value of Insull's contention, postponed the

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Pacific northwest canneries and barrelling plants expressed alarm because the longshore strike has stopped their supply of sugar and other materials needed at once for the opening of the season for berry and other early fruit operations. Strawberries are ripe and ready to can.

Cereal interests here have stopped shipments of wheat from the country because strikers will not permit unloading at the mills. An advance of 25 cents a barrel in bakers' flour was shown for the day.

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ARGENTINA'S REFUSAL IS 'LAST STRAW'

Southern American Country Will Not Accept Minimum Price Scheme

GREAT BRITAIN ALSO HOLDS BACK

Some Other Importing Countries Not Sold On Plan, But Approval Was Hoped For.

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—The world wheat conference broke down tonight when Argentina refused to accept the proposed minimum price scheme.

Shortly after the conference had adjourned until June 27, it was learned that some importing countries including Great Britain, had not given approval to the plan.

Delegates had been hopeful, however, of ultimate success. But today, Argentina's refusal to accept the proposition, wrecked the conference.

WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP)—Department of agriculture officials said today they did not believe the failure of Argentina to accept the minimum export price plan proposed at the international wheat conference in London would necessarily mean the end of all international wheat negotiations.

A foreign trade expert of the department expressed belief a great deal of good could be accomplished in future negotiations, even though no minimum price plan is realized.

Buying Volume Shows Gain As Mercury Climbs

NEW YORK, May 11 (AP)—The volume of retail and wholesale buying rose this week with the temperature, said the Dun & Bradstreet weekly trade review today.

The agency reported that along with the "sudden spurt" in retail distribution, the rate of industrial operations reached new high ground for the year in several divisions.

"The sudden revival of activity," it continued, "following the languishing pace of April, has brought fresh evidence that the weather has been the major retardative factor to progress during the last few weeks."

"The accelerated pace at which merchandise now is passing into consumer's hands has removed the fears of a few weeks ago that inventory losses would be suffered."

U. S. GOLFERS WIN FOURSOMES 3 TO 1

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, May 11 (AP)—American golfers' first venture of the 1934 campaign in international competition was crowned with success today as the United States Walker cup foursomes won three out of four matches from their British rivals. Eight singles matches will be played tomorrow.

Johnny Goodman, young U.S. open champion, and his partner, W. Law-Betts and Hogan, Spohrer, Frey, Benton and O'Farrell.

Baseball

National League		R. H. E.
Philadelphia	4 11 2	
Pittsburgh	6 11 0	
Hansen, Pearce, Collins and Todd; Birkhofer, Hoyt and Padden, Veltman, (10 innings.)		
R. H. E.		
Boston	8 17 0	
Cincinnati	5 11 2	
Betts and Hogan, Spohrer, Frey, Benton and O'Farrell.		

ITALY MAY NOT MAKE A "TOKEN" PAYMENT

ROME, May 11 (AP)—Italy may not make any war debt payment at all in June, said official circles today, in consequence of the United States notification that it will accept a token payment but that countries paying "tokens" will be considered in default.

These authorities said the American announcement was equivalent to putting countries such as Italy and Great Britain, which demonstrated their good will by paying portions of the instalments, on the same level with such countries as France which refused to pay at all.

LONDON, May 11 (AP)—One British newspaper, the London Evening Star, in its first edition today headlined President Roosevelt's decision that token war debt payments mean default as "highwayman act by U. S."

Another newspaper, the New-chronicle, expressed the view that behind the scenes influences were involved in the president's decision. While the press made a great deal of the situation, government officials remained silent, and it was stated that the foreign office has no official advice regarding the decision.