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## IT'S UP TO OUR CITIZENRY, NOW

Next week La Grande will do two things of unusual importance. First, it will be host on July 17, 18, 19 to the western union meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers with hundreds of delegates to be here from 11 western states and three Canadian provinces. Second, it will stage a Semi-Centennial Union Pacific celebration, July 19, 20, 21, commemorating the arrival of the first train here half a century ago.

The business men of La Grande have underwritten the celebration to the extent of several thousand dollars. The railroad people and a committee of earnest workers are busy day and night extending every effort to stage a celebration that not only will do justice to the occasion and anniversary it represents, but will be something that will bring widespread publicity and benefits to this city and valley.

Everything is being done by this group of workers that possibly can be done to reach the ultimate goal. Unquestionably, they are doing a praiseworthy job.

But, without meaning to be particularly critical, rather with the hope of presenting a constructive thought to some, the town as a whole seems not to yet fully realize the magnitude of the undertaking, the importance of the convention and celebration bear to this city's future, and how each individual citizen can do his bit.

The western union meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers never before has been held in a city with less than 100,000 population. Think of that! The celebration itself represents something that never has been tried before in this section of the state. That, also deserves more than passing notice.

In the past there have been, admittedly, some celebrations staged in La Grande that were not all that had been hoped for, possibly due to something over which the committeemen had no control. Smacked a bit too much perhaps of the real small town variety. However, the events next week—backed by the complete enthusiasm of the railroad people, the committee workers, and thousands who expect to come here from out-of-town points—are certain to go to make up an occasion that will excel the expectations of many. There exists no question but that the convention and celebration will be the most important of their kind ever witnessed in this section of Oregon.

Here is another thought worthy of deep consideration. Practically everyone in La Grande owes his or her presence and well being here to the fact that this is a railroad town.

Now then, the committee arranging for the celebration is not asking for more money—other than a reasonable attendance at events during the celebration at which a nominal charge will be made; it is not asking for physical labor; it is not asking any particular work from the citizenry of La Grande. What it is asking, and extremely hopeful of receiving, is united community moral support. The urging if possible of nearby friends to come here for a visit during the celebration, the sending of publicity to out-of-town points with the hope of enticing additional visitors to the city next week, and probably most important of all, word of mouth that will speak highly and not disparagingly of the celebration.

A united La Grande community spirit, backing the celebration to the nth degree. That is all that is needed now to make the events of the coming week stand out in this city's history. Were the right community spirit manifest, it is not far fetched to believe that something of an annual or periodical nature might be built up that in time would attain the same national importance that has become attached to a project of one of our neighboring cities—Pendleton, whose Round-Up has been built to the place it holds today largely through united community spirit.

## TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BETTING PUBLIC PAYS**  
PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—The betting public passed a total of \$1,128,019 in wagers through the wickets of the pari-mutuel cages here during the first 30-days of this season's dog racing meet under direction of the Multnomah Kennel club. The club made the announcement today.

**APPEALS ARE REDUCED**  
SALEM, July 10 (AP)—The number of appeals from the decisions of the state industrial accident commission on workmen's compensations has been reduced more than 50 per cent the past year, and places the state among the lowest in appeals of 44 states which have such acts. It was reported today by members of the Oregon commission. It holds the low record on the Pacific coast.

**COMMISSION SHORT OF MONEY**  
PORTLAND, July 10 (AP)—The Oregon highway commission would be glad to proceed with construction of the two short-cut highways from "Portland to the sea"—if it had the money.

**FOREST LAND CLOSED**  
SALEM, July 10 (AP)—Effective today, approximately 322,000 acres of forest land in Douglas and Coos counties, 70,000 acres in Grant county and 15,000 acres in Baker county, will be closed to entry except by permit. It was announced in a proclamation by Governor Julius L. Meier.

## The Weather

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday; temperature above normal in interior; moderate northwest wind offshore.

**LOCAL WEATHER**  
Monday: Maximum 87, minimum 54 above Clear.  
Today: Minimum 59, 7 a. m.—69 above Clear.

## Prune Brandy To Be Obtained For Sale in Oregon

SALEM, July 10 (AP)—George Sammis, administrator for the state liquor control commission, was here today on a tour of inspection of the up-state liquor stores and agencies. He expected to be on the trip for about a week, he said.

Sammis reported the commission was obtaining new gin shipments in gallon and half-gallon containers which would sell at reduced prices under the commission's label, and was also obtaining more whiskey to be bottled by the commission. The shipping situation at present, however, has been delaying delivery of these new stocks as well as additional brands.

An effort was now being made to obtain prune brandy, made from prunes in Oregon. Sammis commented, "The negotiations however have not advanced far enough to make any definite announcements. He reported a heavy demand for the new bourbon whiskey recently placed on the market under the O. L. C. C. label.

## OPEN SEASON ON ELK SET FOR NOV. 5-11

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empowers the forestry chiefs to supervise the taking of game or fish within the boundaries of any national forest areas. E. N. Kavanaugh, assistant regional forester, told the commission that a similar elk season had been submitted to the Washington state game board.

**Rigid Patrol Planned**  
Areas declared open will be rigidly patrolled by forest rangers, it was stated, and hunters will be required to register with a ranger when they enter a given area and when they emerge. This check of the hunters, Mr. Kavanaugh pointed out, will allow rangers to ascertain that every hunter is properly equipped to care for his kill and it also will allow a census of game taken.

All of Baker county except that portion southwest of the John Day highway will be opened. All of Walla Walla county north of the base line and west of the Imnaha river will be opened.

All of Union and Umatilla counties, with the exception of 20,400 acres in the Conklin Springs area, is to be opened.

**Killing Held Necessary**  
Grant county north of the middle fork of the John Day river and east of the Pendleton-Burns highway will be opened.

"The taking of these elk is a necessity," Mr. Kavanaugh said in his recommendations, "since the increase in these herds has been unabated and is now at a dangerous point. We have reduced the number of sheep and cattle that graze over these ranges, and now it becomes necessary to reduce the elk herds before the supply of forage is depleted to an extent that will endanger the entire herds."

Although it was expected that a controversy would arise at the suggestions of the forest service, not a dissenting word was spoken. The recommendations were followed to the letter.

**Former Season Recalled**  
Mr. Kavanaugh, explaining his reasons for a rigid check of hunters as they entered the area, hinted at the unfortunate elk season of 1933, when scores of animals were killed and left to decompose in the hills because, the hunters were poorly equipped to care for their vast quarry. It is planned to reduce the herds on the named ranges by about 15 per cent, since this figure, Mr. Kavanaugh said, will care for the normal increase of the animals.

Two bandits robbed a motorist and his daughter of lace curtains valued at \$225 on a Kansas City street.

# PERSONALS

**Stop Here—**  
The Misses Elma Hays and Berlice and Vadn Slack, of Enterprise, stopped in La Grande Sunday for a short visit at the W. P. Sailer home. They are on route to San Francisco and expect to stop at Portland and coast points on the way and return by way of Crater Lake and through Central Oregon. They expect to be away about two weeks.

**Here Yesterday—**  
Miss Florence Acton, manager of the Womansaidan lodge at Willowa Lake, spent Monday in La Grande looking after business matters.

**Return To Baker—**  
Mrs. Will Metcalf and daughter and Mrs. Lyman Kennon returned today to their home at Baker after having spent the last two days here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Niederer.

**Is Recovered—**  
Conrad Niederer, who was quite seriously ill a short time ago, is now very much improved and able to be out again, it is reported.

**Conclude Visit Here—**  
Mrs. Ted Mays and young daughter, Mary Carolyn, returned Monday evening to their home at Bend after having been here a few weeks visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. L. Denham.

**Here For Brief Visit—**  
Mrs. Merle Tellefson and her friend, Mrs. Orpha Huffman, of Bingen, Wash., were guests Saturday and Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Leighton. Returning Sunday they were accompanied by little Shirley Louise Tellefson, who has been visiting with her grandparents and family.

**Guests—**  
Miss Louise Leighton has been having as her guests the Misses Winona and Ida Mathew, of Sunnyside, Wash. Miss Winona and Louise were college friends.

**Examiner Coming—**  
C. M. Bentley, examiner of operators and chauffeurs for the state, will be in La Grande July 17 at the city hall from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

**Mrs. Matthews Improving—**  
Friends here received letters today from Harvey Matthews, of Ontario, Cal., which stated that Mrs. Matthews, who had been seriously ill of pneumonia for the past week or ten days, was improving. For a week Mrs. Matthews was under the care of two physicians and two trained nurses. Mr. Matthews stated that it would be weeks before she would be able to be out and that their trip to the midwest had been cancelled.

**Tonsillectomy—**  
Jack Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Riley, of Enterprise, underwent a tonsil operation Monday at the Bouvy hospital.

**Returns To Walla Walla—**  
Frank Martin has returned to his home at Walla Walla after having spent the last several days at the Bouvy hospital having his eyes straightened. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Martin.

**Return Today—**  
Mrs. J. K. Wright and Lynne Wright returned this morning from a several weeks visit at Oakland, Cal. During their stay they were guests of her daughter Mrs. Ernest Vebra and also visited other relatives and friends.

**Visit Here—**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Erch, of Tillamook, Ore. were visitors in La Grande yesterday, being registered at a local hotel.

**From Salem—**  
E. D. Thomas, of the bureau of labor, arrived yesterday from his home at Salem and is transacting business in La Grande.

**Returns to Ontario—**  
Herbert Luehrs returned today to his home at Ontario after having been in La Grande for the last four weeks. He was employed here in the prescription department of Wright's Drug Store in the absence of Lynne Wright, the manager.

## STILL FIGHTS



The campaign for assemblyman from Queens County, N. Y., is going to be a stiff fight this year—for Jack McLaughlin, alias, who resigned as light-weight champion of the fistie world for 12 years, is on the Democratic ticket for the job. Jack is shown in a political fighting pose here.

## Unemployed Scots Given Free Farms In Dundee Suburbs

DUNDEE, Scotland (AP)—Between 200 and 300 Scottish unemployed are to turn farmers in an experiment to be inaugurated three miles from here.

A 423-acre farm has been purchased by George Bonar, a prominent jute manufacturer, and presented to the department of agriculture for Scotland.

Two hundred acres are to be divided into acre and half-acre plots while the remainder of the farm is to be divided into 21 small holdings of from six to seven acres, and one large holding.

The small plots will be turned over to unemployed both to give them healthy out-door occupation and the chance to qualify as farm workers.

While the acre and half-acre plots will be testing grounds, the larger holdings will be available for unemployed of training and character to become self-supporting.

Twenty-seven tribes of Indians from 12 states were represented in a pageant staged at a celebration in Kansas City, Kas.

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