

300 TO ATTEND B. OF L. E. WESTERN UNION MEET

Eleven States, Three Canadian Provinces to Send Delegates.

Early next week, just before the opening of the Semi-centennial Union Pacific celebration here, La Grande will be host to one of the most important conventions ever held in this section of the state. It will be a meeting of the Western Union Meeting association of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Grand International auxiliary to the B. of L. E. Delegates will be here from eleven western states and three Canadian provinces.

Other regional conventions of the B. of L. E. were held this year in Kansas City and Birmingham, and the session here—the sixth annual—will be the first time any city with less than 100,000 population has been host.

The Sacajawea Inn has been selected as convention headquarters for the meetings, which will be held July 17, 18 and 19, and at which 300 or more are expected to be in attendance.

Grande Ronde Division No. 362, B. of L. E., and Division No. 403, G. I. A., will be official hosts.

The union meeting is being held for the purpose of getting together and becoming better acquainted; to consider business of vital importance to the organizations; to aid the rank and file of the membership to obtain a better understanding of what the organization means to them; and, to give every member a chance to voice his sentiments for the up-building and welfare of the brotherhood.

The program follows (all meetings at Sacajawea Inn unless otherwise specified):

Tuesday, July 17
Registration at desk in hotel lobby.
12 noon — Luncheon until 1:30 p. m.

Assemble in ballroom at 1:30 for opening exercises.

Meeting called to order by the chairman of W. U. M. A.

Invocation by Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, president La Grande Ministerial association.

Address of welcome by V. R. Melville, president La Grande city commission.

Vocal solo—Mrs. W. H. Parkinson. Address of welcome by representative of local divisions, by C. M. Humphreys.

Violin solo—Leo Cullen Bryant. Response by T. J. Harkins, grand representative of the B. of L. E.

Response by Mrs. Elizabeth Heinefeld, grand vice president of G. I. A.

Vocal solo—Mrs. Parkinson. Announcements.

ENGINEER ON FIRST TRAIN

Benediction by Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Brady, pastor, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic church, Adjournment.

Wednesday, July 18
9 a. m.—Regular business session of W. U. M. A. in ballroom off mezzanine floor.

10 a. m.—Regular business meeting of G. I. A., in Room 26, Union Pacific depot building.

12 noon—Luncheon in main dining room of hotel. Rep. Walter M. Pierce, luncheon speaker, congressman from second district of Oregon.

All day Wednesday will be given over to business of the two organizations.

8 p. m.—Assemble in ballroom off mezzanine floor of hotel for joint meeting of B. of L. E. and G. I. A., entertainment only.

Thursday, July 19

9:30 a. m.—Meet at U. P. depot to greet arrival of a replica of first railroad train to arrive in La Grande 50 years ago.

Pioneer parade follows this, then return to hotel for business meeting.

G. I. A. will hold the closing session of their meeting in depot building.

12 noon—Luncheon in main dining room of hotel. F. N. Finch, general manager of O.-W. R. & N. unit of Union Pacific to be luncheon speaker.

1:30 p. m.—W. U. M. A. resumes business in hotel.

1:30 p. m.—Women are guests of local division on sightseeing trip.

5:30 p. m.—Banquet in ballroom of hotel for all members of B. of L. E. and G. I. A. and their guests.

7:30—Coronation ceremony, La Grande Stadium.

9:00—Old-Timers ball.

Courtesy cars will be available for delegates, whose badge will serve as their "ticket" for any service wanted. Boy Scouts are to be in attendance at the hotel to assist the visitors with any reasonable service.

C. C. C. CAMP FLOAT
The C. C. C. camp at Emigrant Springs is planning to enter a float in the Friday morning parade during the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration.

COUNTRY STORE BEANO GAME
Jesse V. Andrews and Ray W. Winters will conduct a country store beano board in the former location of The Tiffin during the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration.

ORGANIZED IN SUMMER OF '65
The Union school district embracing the entire population of the valley was first organized during the summer of 1865.

MRS. NEILL RODE TO LA GRANDE ON WORK TRAIN



Oscar Wheeler Moon, grandfather of the Moon Brothers who now operate a drug store here, was the engineer of the first train that pulled into La Grande back in July, 1884.

Mrs. Nellie G. Neill, herself a pioneer, and a member of the well-known Slater family has a wealth of memories of the early—very early—days in La Grande. Before the memorable arrival of the first train into La Grande, Mrs. Neill made a most triumphant entry in what is now the city and on a railway train too, she affirms.

Mrs. Neill was teaching at St. Paul's School for Girls in Walla Walla, which she had also attended for three years and having remained for a few days to finish up the year's work, she was coming home on a Sunday, June 11, as she recalls. She had taken the stage from Walla Walla to Meacham, where she had to wait for some reason or other. While waiting, William Snodgrass (father of Lot Snodgrass), came up and asked her if she did not want to ride to La Grande on a work train which was standing there on the track. Always ready for some new experience, Mrs. Neill accepted the invitation, was helped into the caboose, where with Mr. Snodgrass, who owned the store at that time in Old Town, ran the newspaper, kept the hotel, had a blacksmith shop, a warehouse and whatnot, with Tom Crawford, then practicing law in Union, she thinks, and with a Chinaman, she rode into La Grande. The track had not been laid permanently she recalls also and does not forget even in the half century that has elapsed that it was a fearfully rough, though wonderful ride.

The train stopped and the four passengers had to unload in a field—probably the Grandy field, Mrs. Neill with her big heavy valise alighted and started on her journey up the hill. She must

needs climb over a rail fence before she had progressed very far and though it was a long way up to the center of Old Town, she managed to get there by shanks ponies before the horse-drawn stage arrived. There were no sidewalks of course and the road up the hill was hot and dusty. There was only one building down in New Town and it had no roof on it yet. Her chief difficulty was that heavy old valise, or satchel, which would look like some bulk beside one of today's fitted cases or weekend bags—it had to be literally lugged. If there was any regret at all about having chosen the ride with a thrill in the caboose of a work train—and she does not recall any regret—it would have been that the stage-coach would have deposited her bag and baggage, at her own door.

Mrs. Neill had had one ride on a train before. She had made a trip to Portland by the circuitous route then necessary, stage to Umatilla landing, ferry, more stage, more ferry and train into the that-time metropolis.

BIG LAND OWNER

One of the most conspicuous among the heavy land owners of early days was Fred Nodine. In 1870 it was he who conceived the idea of reclaiming Tule lake, then north of Hot Lake, reclaiming 2300 acres of fine rich land.

FIRST SCHOOL BUILDING

The first school building in Union county, spoken of as "pretentious" in history of the time, was 20x35 feet in size. It was built by popular subscription, no funds being available from tax sources.

TRAPSHOOT TOURNAMENTS

Trapshooting will be enjoyed at the Lone Tree grounds of the La Grande Gun club during the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration on Friday, July 20, beginning at 1:30 p. m. Events include 100-bird singles from the 16-yard line, and a 50-bird handicap. Entrance fees are required with a money division for the winners. High gun on the 16-yard targets will receive \$5, high gun on the 50-handicap the same and high gun on all targets an additional \$5.

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