

# PLENTY OF SNAPPY MUSIC FOR CELEBRATION HERE

## Drum Corps and Bands to Provide Lively Tunes For Jubilee.

Assurance that three crack drum and bugle corps and two top-notch bands will be here for the semi-centennial U. P. celebration was received today when a letter came to John R. Garity from Richard H. Guy, drum corps manager in Spokane, stating that the Spokane American Legion drum corps of 20 men and a drum major, will positively be here for the jubilee.

There is a strong probability also that a fourth drum corps, the Boise legion championship corps of Idaho, also will attend. The other two corps to participate in the celebration are La Grande, Oregon state champion, and Enterprise, one of the finest corps in the Inland Empire. The bands to play here include the famous Ozden and La Grande bands.

Two former La Grande legionnaires are now playing with the Spokane drum corps, Pete Russell and Ed Stephenson, and will be with the Washington state championship organization when it arrives here early the morning of July 20. The corps will remain here two days, leaving for home

at 9:15 p. m. Saturday, July 21.

Garity, who is drum major of the La Grande corps, also is chairman of the celebration committee in charge of the drum corps portion of the three-day program.

### Award Decoration Contract

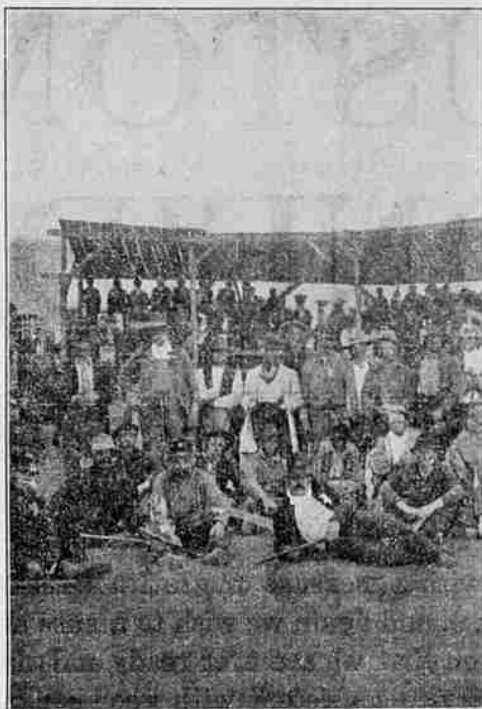
The contract for decorating of the streets of La Grande during the celebration, has been let to Fisk and Fisk of Hillsboro, Ore. The agreement is that the company will furnish all decorations for the streets, intersections, etc., free of charge and solicitations will be made only for the store front decorations.

Decorations will include lights across intersections, banners at frequent intervals across the streets and the decorations for the store fronts. Mrs. Peggy Fisk, representing the company, is in La Grande contacting the merchants with regard to the decorating of the individual stores.

### MEETING WIDELY ADVERTISED

The annual Western Union meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to be held July 17, 18 and 19, received national publicity in the June copy of the Locomotive Engineers Journal published at Cleveland, Ohio. They advertise La Grande as "The largest small city in which you ever met." The article used was by the pen of C. M. Humphreys, of this city.

## THE TOWN'S FIRST BALL CLUB



One shirt, one cap, two mits and a couple of bats was all the equipment — but they were champions of their day!

La Grande's summers and falls are particularly marvelous, and springtime and winter do not lag far behind. Weather extremes, damaging storms, etc., are practically unknown here, sheltered as it is by the high Blue mountains, which result in moderation in climatic conditions.

Federal records show the normal precipitation for La Grande to be 19.45 inches annually, widely distributed over the months of the year. Normal rainfall by months follows: January 2.21, February 1.87, March 2.06, April 1.67, May 2.05, June 1.47, July 3.7, August .76, September 1.22, October 1.83, November 2.22 and December 2.08.

The normal range in temperature for the year is a little more than 100 degrees. Last winter the mercury dropped no lower than 19 above zero, and the maximum last summer was just over the 100 mark. So far this summer the warmest has been 95 above in La Grande. For the last eight consecutive months the normal temperature in this city has been exceeded.

Normal snowfall in the winter finds around a foot in December, a couple of feet of snow in January, and about a foot in February, but frequently more or less open winters occur with little snow. Last year less than a foot of snow fell throughout the winter season, and during nine-tenths of the winter months, the ground was bare of snow and grass was green and growing.

Normal winters here are cold enough to provide a natural balance, and this same rule applies to the other seasons of the year, with the result that La Grande normally enjoys a pleasant, healthful, hard-to-beat climate.

### SEEKING OLD PICTURES

Anyone with old railroad pictures is urged to bring them to the chamber of commerce office not later than Saturday morning. They will be used during the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration here next week.

More than 3000 persons in New York were active in soliciting funds recently to aid Jews in Germany.

## LA GRANDE STADIUM IS FINEST IN EAST OREGON

The La Grande stadium, formerly known as the La Grande High school athletic field until it was rebuilt this year under the CWA and the FERA, provides one of the finest sports fields in Eastern Oregon. Here is where many of the outstanding events of the Semi-centennial Union Pacific celebration next week will be held, and with seats being arranged around the quarter-mile oval to seat 10,000 persons, and with standing room to be available for 2000 more, celebration committees believe it will provide an ideal spot for the events scheduled there.

The field's history dates back many, many years. Probably one of the most important sporting events held on the field took place in the year 1910, when La Grande High won the Eastern Oregon track and field championship in a meet that was outstanding in that every existing record was surpassed!

Since then many a record-breaking performance has been chalked up on the field.

Another event of outstanding importance took place there several years ago when the leading American Legion drum and bugle

corps of Oregon—during the state convention here—went through their drills and numbers in the state drum corps contest. La Grande's corps took part that year only as host corps, but last year the local organization won championship honors of Oregon, which it still maintains. The drum corps contest next week will be the second major demonstration of its kind to be staged in the stadium.

The stadium, normally, is only partially surrounded by seats, but for the celebration it will be ringed completely with benches and grandstands. It contains a quarter-mile oval, wide enough for 10 lanes of runners. It also furnishes an ideal baseball diamond and football gridiron, and many a stirring contest of brawn and skill has been witnessed. To the north of the oval is a modern tennis court, and just east of this court are horseshoe courts. The stadium is directly west of the La Grande High school, on property belonging to the city board of education.

The field, itself, is perfectly level, and at the north and northeast sections where it has been built up, concrete retaining walls are constructed.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS IN LA-GRANDE NEAR IDEAL

Weather conditions in La Grande, which will be host to thousands of out-of-town people here next week at the Semi-centennial Union Pacific celebration, very nearly approach the ideal—and this is reflected in statistics showing Union county to be among the most healthful districts in the Pacific northwest, which in turn is regarded as the most healthful region in the nation.



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## All Hail! Union Pacific Old Timers

Two long bars right in the heart of the city.

Welcome to La Grande for YOUR Semi-Centennial Celebration. We are glad to see you, whether you live here or not. This celebration is for you and your friends. We hope you will enjoy it. Everything that goes on during the entire three days is for your enjoyment.

And, of course, with so many things to see and do you will want a cool refreshing drink. We are prepared to serve you with MARINOFF BEER and a tasty "Dutch" sandwich of some kind or an appetizing sea food salad.

## THE HOFBRAU

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