

Von Hindenburg Dies Today--Hitler In Sole Command

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TRAINING SCHOOL ASSURED

P. W. A. APPROVES LOAN AND GRANT FOR BUILDING ON NORMAL SCHOOL CAMPUS

Senator Charles McNary Wires of Washington Action Today; La Grande And Eastern Oregon Welcomes News of Victory in Four-Year Fight, to Obtain Structure.

H. W. Fredericks, Publisher, La Grande Evening Observer, La Grande, Oregon.

Public works administration has now given its approval to \$94,500.00 allocation covering state grant of \$14,500.00 and loan and grant of \$80,000.00 for training school building at Eastern Oregon Normal. Congratulations.

"Washington, D. C., August 2 (via Western Union)

Charles L. McNary, U. S. S."

With the receipt at the Observer office this morning of the above telegram from United States Senator Charles L. McNary comes official word of the successful culmination of four years effort for the construction of the training school building on the grounds of the Eastern Oregon Normal school at La Grande. The balance of moneys necessary to allow the \$130,000 structure have already been allocated by the state.

The action of the PWA board at Washington came at a meeting of that body in the national capitol late yesterday afternoon. Two weeks ago the grant of \$14,500 to the state had been made but the grant and loan to take up the local bond issue of \$80,000 was somehow overlooked. United States Senator McNary, who was still in Washington and who has been most prominently identified in recent efforts for the training school grant and loan from the PWA was notified and assured the local workers by wire that his efforts would be continued for the loan OK before the board at its next meeting. That he was successful is evident in the news of today.

Colon R. Eberhard, chairman of the board of La Grande school district No. 1.

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Many Ask About Wallowa Resort, Trips to Peaks

Lynn Larson, executive secretary of the local chamber of commerce, reports an increasing number of inquiries being received each season regarding the trips to the high mountains in Wallowa county. A number of inquiries have been made this week by parties from California and other distant points and information has been furnished to these visitors on their way to the neighboring county on fishing trips.

Seven Bicycle Riders Arrested By City Police

Following two public warnings issued by the police department and calling upon bicycle riders to obey traffic rules as they apply to motor vehicles, the police arrested seven boys about 10 o'clock last night on charges of turning on the wrong side of the street, failing to stop at stop signs, making U turns and riding in circles on the streets. The boys were later released to appear before the municipal judge at a later time, but their bicycles were kept at the police station. Three of the bikes had no lights, either.

The city traffic ordinance applies also to bicycles City Manager Angus McAllister announced today.

Will Praises U. S. Hawaiian Defenses



HONOLULU, Aug. 1 — Back into the real city of Honolulu after a wonderful few days, too few, on the big cattle ranches on the islands. These islands look little on the map, but they are so big, where like it on the mainland, that's what they call the joint where we live, here. You don't have to be warlike to get a real kick out of our greatest army post, Schofield barracks, and the navy at Pearl harbor. If war was declared with some Pacific nation we would lose the Philippines before lunch, but if we lost these it would be our own fault. Yours,

Phil Rogers.
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MRS. ANNA HUG DIES WEDNESDAY AT HOME OF SON

Mrs. Anna Hug, more familiarly known to her many, many friends over the valley as "Grandma" Hug, died about 5 o'clock last evening at the home of her son at Elgin.

Mrs. Hug, a pioneer of this section, was 98 years, one month and 12 days of age.

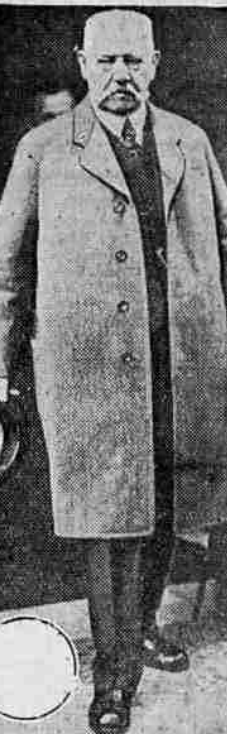
Funeral services are to be held at the Christian church at Elgin at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge of arrangement. A complete obituary was not available today but will be published later in the Observer.

California To Open Campaign Against "Reds"

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 2 (AP)—A second wave of communistic activities may be expected in California said warnings issued today by Acting Governor Frank Merriam and other officials.

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LEADER DIES



President Paul von Hindenburg, of Germany, died quietly at 9 o'clock this morning at Neudeck, where he has been ill for some time. A war-time hero, he kept a firm grip on affairs of the nation almost to the end.

FOREST FIRE ON DEADHORSE FLAT TO EAST OF COVE

COVE, Ore. (Special) — A forest fire, the first of consequence in the mountains east of here, was burning today on Deadhorse Flat. Ten men were called from here at 1 p. m. Wednesday by Forest Ranger McCool, but definite information as to the extent of the fire could not be learned.

The smoke, which was visible from here, appeared to be lessening this morning, causing local people to believe the fire either had been controlled or was burning itself out.

BIEBER, Cal., Aug. 2 (AP) — After having swept over 5,000 acres of valuable timber land, a forest fire in the Big Valley mountain region was re-

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City Will Refund \$280,000.00 Bonds

IMPROVEMENT ISSUES WILL BE EXTENDED

City Commission Gives Manager And Attorney Authority to Go Ahead With Plan.

The city commission of La Grande last night gave authority to City Manager Angus McAllister and City Attorney E. H. Ringo to proceed with preparations for the refunding of \$280,000 in improvement bonds, which fall due beginning in October, and at frequent intervals thereafter.

Generally there were two reasons given for the necessity of the refunding—failure of many city properties to keep up payments on liens, and loss to the city of many thousands of dollars some years ago in the Fowler case.

McAllister and Ringo spent part of last week in Salem interviewing Assistant State Treasurer Paulus, who approved the refunding idea and offered to have his office act as agent in the refunding. In general, the La Grande plan calls for refunding on the following basis—two per cent interest for first five years, four per cent interest for next six years, and five per cent interest for last nine years, and also will pay two per cent interest on principal to wipe out some two years of delinquent interest.

All bonds of the improvement bond issues are to be refunded, and the process is expected to take approximately six months to complete. Already, the city has had assurance from holders of more than \$100,000 of the bonds that such a refunding

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Boys' Camp Will Have Program—Court of Honor

The boys' camp on Catherine creek is preparing for a night program Friday to which fathers and sons, parents of sons already in camp, mothers, daughters, Camp Fire Girls and others interested in the camp, are invited to attend. A basket lunch will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock and the guests are urged to bring their own lunches. At 8 o'clock a bonfire will be lighted

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HIGH VOLTAGE



Poet Slain in Love Tragedy



The love of two poets—one a University of California student and the other a writer of nationally published verse—ended in death for the student, Main, police say, by a jealousy-crazed husband. Figures in the triangle, left, Mrs. Helen Louise Doker; right, upper, J. C. Doker, the husband, a San Leandro, Cal., city official; below, the slain youth.

CROSSING SIGNAL TO BE ERECTED AT ISLAND CITY

Definite allocations of federal moneys granted the Oregon state highway commission for expenditures on roads during 1934-35 fiscal year, were made in Salem yesterday.

The allocations, in addition to \$90,000 for an underpass crossing in La Grande, \$30,000 for a bridge at Elgin, and \$92,000 for the Little Sheep Creek highway—grading 5.96 miles from Hayden Gulch to the West Forest boundary, also listed \$2,000 for a railroad crossing signal to be erected at Island City, and \$15,000 to be spent in landscaping work in Wallowa county. Units for the landscaping

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JAPS SPURN U. S. PLAN TO CUT NAVIES

Swanson's Suggestion For Reduction in Naval Tonnage Power Meets Rejection.

TOKYO, Aug. 2 (AP) — The Rengo (Japanese) news agency reported today that naval circles reject the suggestion of Secretary of the Navy Swanson for the reduction of naval tonnage by 20 per cent, protesting that such reduction would give all the advantages to the United States and would perpetuate the 5-5-3 ratio they are determined to abolish.

They said the United States would be able to effect such a reduction by scrapping over-aged craft while Japan

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PENDLETON PCA STOCK INCREASED

An increase in capital stock of \$200,000.00 was announced today by the Pendleton Production Credit association of Pendleton, Ore., which serves the counties of Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Morrow, and part of Grant. This brings the authorized capital of the association to \$400,000.00.

Since the association is authorized to discount growers' notes with the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane to the extent of five times its capital, this increase means the

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Wheat Today

The price of local new crop wheat stood at about 66½ cents bulk here today, according to the Pioneer flouring mills. Portland cash 85 cents. Export bid 89c.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2 (AP) — Profit taking sales on advances wiped out gains in wheat prices late today, and caused net losses in corn.

Upturns which failed to hold were based largely on August unofficial crop estimates indicating that the 1934 yields of the five principal cereals were below domestic requirements.

Wheat closed uneven, ½¢ lower to ¼¢ higher compared with yesterday's finish, Sept. new \$1.03½-\$1.04½, corn ½¢ down, Sept. 70½¢-71¢, oats unchanged to ¼¢ up, and provisions 7 to 15¢ advances.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

TORNADO HITS MARYLAND
FIGHT CHICAGO STRIKE
LET BONNEVILLE CONTRACT
FIFTY NAZI SENTENCED

BALTIMORE, Aug. 2 (AP) — A tornado today struck Hickory Point, a summer colony near here, wrecked half a dozen houses, injured a dozen persons and buried a number of vacationists under a mass of debris.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2 (AP) — Commission men declared the Chicago stockyards "open for trading" at 2 p. m. this afternoon and prepared to resume business tomorrow in defiance of the strike of yards handlers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP) — The war department announced today award of a contract for construction of a power house sub-structure and navigation lock at the Bonneville dam on the Columbia river in Oregon, to the General Construction company and J. F. Shea Company, Inc., Portland, Ore., for \$3,895,592.

VIENNA, Aug. 2 (AP) — Paul Hudi, fifth Nazi to go on trial for implication in the Nazi putsch in which Chancellor Dollfus was killed, today was convicted of high treason and sentenced to life imprisonment.

ROOSEVELT OFF ASTORIA COAST THIS AFTERNOON

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP) — President Roosevelt's cruiser, the U. S. S. Houston, and its convoy, the cruiser New Orleans, reached the Oregon coast today on the president's return to the mainland after an absence of one month, spent on a vacation on tropical seas.

The trim fighting ships were brought to anchor at 12:25 p. m. at the Columbia river lighthouse, about four miles offshore.

The naval radio reported the vessels were to proceed soon to what is known as the "lower harbor," below Desdemona sands, about three miles toward the river's mouth from the city of Astoria.

There they were to anchor, to await orders to proceed up the great Columbia river to Portland where the president will disembark tomorrow.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP) — Final

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HENRY HANZEN TO QUIT WITH MEIER

SALEM, Aug. 2 (AP) — Henry M. Hanzen, budget director and political advisor to Governor Julius L. Meier, will retire from participation in state government "simultaneously with the retirement of Governor Meier as chief executive of the state," he declared in an exclusive statement to the Associated Press here today.

Hanzen declared he was making this announcement now in order that the state budget, which he is preparing for the next biennium, "may be kept free, as it has been in the past, from politics."

At the same time he announced his retirement, he issued a declaration that there would be no deviation in the forthcoming state budget from the rigid retrenchment program inaugurated by the governor early in his administration in 1931.

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DOORN, Holland, Aug. 2 (AP) — Former Kaiser Wilhelm sent a telegram of sympathy today to Colonel Oskar Von Hindenburg, referring to his

GRAND OLD GERMAN DIES EARLY TODAY

End Comes Quietly to War-Time Hero of The Fatherland

HITLER DECLARES HIMSELF LEADER

Way Paved For Chancellor's Ascendancy By Session of Cabinet Last Evening.

BERLIN, Aug. 2 (AP) — Adolf Hitler announced tonight that he will refuse to assume the title of reichs president. He desires to be known only as fuhrer and reichschancellor.

By Louis F. Lochner

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BERLIN, Aug. 2 (AP) — Paul von Hindenburg, warrior, patriot and president, died today, and Adolf Hitler became the master of all Germany. Shortly after word came from Von Hindenburg's country estate at Neudeck that the 86-year-old hero had died, announcement was made here that Chancellor Hitler had assumed the presidency.

When word came, Hitler and his Nazi cabinet were prepared. In a guarded session last night the cabinet adopted a decree revoking a law of 1932 under which the president of the supreme court would become interim president. A presidential plebiscite in Germany was ordered by the government today to be held Aug. 19.

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NEUDECK, Germany, Aug. 2 —

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BENTON STREET VACATION ASKED

A request to vacate Benton street in blocks 165, 166, 167 and 168 of Mummy's subdivision to Chaplin's supplemental division B of La Grande, was filed with the city commission last night. The street never has been opened. It is said, and vacation is necessary for property owners in that action to obtain loans from the HOLC. The commission referred it to the city attorney for a report next Wednesday, and also plans to view the place in the meantime.

The Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration committee expressed thanks to the city for co-operation and help

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Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R. H. E.
Philadelphia	7	10 4
Brooklyn	8	9 1
Johnson, C. Davis and Todd, J. Wilson; Babbie, Munge, Clark, Leonard and Lopez.		
New York	0	2 2
Boston	9	14 0
Parnee, Bowman and Mancuso; Brandt and Hogan.		
AMERICAN LEAGUE		R. H. E.
Detroit	3	10 0
Cleveland	0	4 3
Auker and Cochrane; Harder and Pytlak.		
R. H. E.		
Boston	4	5 1
New York	13	18 1
H. Johnson, Walberg, Welch and R. Ferrell; Buffing and Dickey.		

WORLD GRIEVES AT IRON MAN'S DEATH

PARIS, Aug. 2 (AP) — General John J. Pershing, World war opponent of Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, paid tribute to him today as "one of the outstanding figures of the World war."

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LA GRANDE, DALLES IN CONVENTION FIGHT

Two Eastern Oregon cities, or rather one in Central Oregon and one in Eastern Oregon—as La Grande looks at it, are going ahead with vigorous campaigns for the 1935 American Legion state convention. The two are La Grande and La Grande. The local legionnaires feel their claim is best since they were last year bidding for the 1934 convention and stepped out of the picture in favor of Astoria, with the understanding they would have preference in 1935. But now The Dalles has come into the race with a slogan "Hi, Pal! The Dalles—Thirty-Five!" Both have entertained the legion-

naires before. The Dalles in 1922 and La Grande in 1927. Other cities which have been host to state conventions of the American Legion are Portland, Astoria, Eugene, Seaside, Prineville, Marshfield, Medford, Baker, Salem, Corvallis and Klamath Falls.

Both posts are sending invitations to every other post in the state, and both are waging aggressive drives for the convention, which are to culminate at the state convention at Astoria later this month. Both plan to send a large group of delegates to both legion and auxiliary convention and both the La Grande and The Dalles drum corps will be out in force to help fight the battle.