

EDITORIAL

La Grande Fine Convention City

Success of a convention depends to a large degree upon the attitude of the place in which the meeting is being held—whether the welcome mat is on the outside of the door or carefully placed inside the entry-way where it is not apt to be stepped on.

At La Grande last week end, the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association found the mat on the outside with the word "Welcome" emblazoned in big letters, figuratively speaking. There was an atmosphere of hospitality about the town which made the visitors, many of whom were paying their first visit to that section of Oregon, feel at home from the time of arrival until taking leave. Not only was this spirit manifest in La Grande but up the Willowa branch to Wallowa Lake where the publishers and their friends were privileged to drink in some of the west's richest scenic beauty, as well as enjoy an excellent luncheon at Wallowa Lake Lodge. Arriving at Joseph on the "Tonerville Trolley," as the special train provided by the Union Pacific System was dubbed (but it was really a first class train), Joseph citizens with cars quickly loaded up the passengers and whisked them the five or six miles to the lodge and courteously waited until the luncheon was over to return them to the depot.

This cooperative spirit on the part of the host communities contributed materially to the enjoyment of the visitors and caused much favorable comment about the hospitable people of eastern Oregon. There will be more people harboring a desire to learn more about the great region lying east of the Cascades as a result of this two-day visit to northeastern Oregon.

While on the subject of the convention, the writer with due modesty wishes to acknowledge the distinctive honor conferred upon him at La Grande, in being able to bring back to Heppner the highest office at the command of the association. It is an honor that has come only once before to this city, in 1895, when A. W. Patterson, editor of the Heppner Gazette was made president of the old Oregon Press association. On the program, Mr. Patterson is listed as the only living former president of the OPA (not the late lamented OPA of war memories) and his residence is given as Washington, D. C.

The convention took special note of the fact that Amos E. Voorhees is rounding out 50 years as publisher of the Grants Pass Courier on July

1. His has been a long record of useful service to his community, his state and to the newspaper fraternity. A meeting of the association without his presence is like apple pie without cheese. Fortunately, it is seldom that he misses a gathering of the publishers, and although he is relinquishing some of the responsibility of managing the prosperous Courier to his son, he maintains an active interest in all that is going on about the plant. Incidentally, he and Mrs. Voorhees accompanied their pilot son, Earl and wife, from Grants Pass to La Grande and return by plane, another evidence of keeping abreast with modern progress.

Yes, We Have No Money

To those of our readers who can hark back to the era following World War I it will be easy to recall a popular song of the time. It would have been easy to give the song a commonplace title, such as "No, We Have No Bananas," but that would have lacked sales appeal, and after all, what do song writers write songs for—money or the fun of writing?

The situation the Morrow county court finds itself in today is reminiscent of the "Yes, We Have No Bananas" days. True, the court has funds but not enough to meet the demands placed upon it for this, that and the other thing. But more particularly not enough to carry on the road program, to build as large and adequate a hospital as is expected, to provide ample funds for cricket control, or to retain the home demonstration agent, to say nothing of lopping off funds here and there to meet routine expenses.

A new budget has been worked out and it will cause no small amount of wailing by many who were not enough concerned to go to the polls and express their preference one way or the other. It is the belief of this column that the court is doing its best to meet the demands of the taxpayers. Doubtless that effort on their part costs them personal popularity at times, but each member feels he may sacrifice a little popularity so long as his integrity remains above reproach.

Do you remember that fine parade at Lexington last year? It will be repeated with interest this year. Heppner should be prepared to participate, for the people of the county and many neighboring communities will be there. If a matter of neighborliness does not appeal, at least we should realize the business angle involved.



CRIME INCREASE STEADY

Arrests made by Oregon state police for penal offenses have increased 12 per cent in the past six months. George Alexander, superintendent of the state penitentiary, accounts for the pattern with the statement, "As the curve of prosperity goes up the jails fill up and the population of the penitentiary decreases. As the curve of prosperity starts down, jails empty and the penitentiary fills up. When there are plenty of jobs there are plenty of drunks. When jobs get scarce the borderline elements turn to major crimes."

During the past month state police made 3376 arrests resulting in sentences totaling 38,523 days incarceration and fines of \$38,356. Violations of motor vehicle laws brought the state considerably more than one-half of the money collected in fines. Violations of the general code, crimes against persons and property brought 59 per cent of the years of sentences.

GOP CHAIRMAN HERE

Carroll Rice, chairman of the republican national committee called on Governor Earl Snell this week. In discussing President Truman's veto of the labor bill, Rice said, "Sometimes I think the people know more about these things than the experts who are supposed to know. There should be no politics on a question so gravely affecting the public interest. It is unfortunate that the president should have been influenced in his action by the alliance with left wing groups that are threatening to bolt his party. The most effective expression of the people is an election and they spoke last November."

NEW LEGAL OPINIONS

Cities have no right to license slot machines, and the sheriff should confiscate them, whether licensed or not.

The crime of burglary is a felony within the provisions of the Oregon law prohibiting the possession of firearms by persons previously convicted of a felony.

A real estate broker or salesman who failed to make a passing grade in examination by the state realty board may apply for another examination after sixty days has elapsed since his last examination. A real estate broker, in partnership, may not operate under two assumed names.

The state civil service commis-

sion has no authority to regulate hours during which state offices shall be kept open. It is authorized to regulate salaries of state employees' positions, under civil service, and to establish hours of attendance for specific positions and salaries to be paid.

A loan may not be made by a veteran based on the value of a building to be completed, since a loan must be based on the appraised value of tangible real property in existence at the time of the loan. The 1947 enacted law authorizes an applicant to increase his loan, upon the proper security, to the aggregate sum of six thousand dollars.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OPENS

More than 900 ex-servicemen of Oregon have applied for admission to the Oregon Vocational school at Klamath Falls which opens July 15. Only a small number of the enrollees can be admitted on the opening date as it has not been possible to complete planned reconversions of the marine barracks and secure supplies. Students will be admitted week by week, however, until the full capacity of 1000 is reached. There will be little inconvenience to either the students or the institution as

many students wish to enter at later dates. About 30 per cent of the enrollees are married and desire family living quarters.

Enlargement of the vocational rehabilitation program was approved by the state board of education Monday with immediate addition to the staff. Under the program offices will be established in Salem, Medford, Bend, McMinnville, The Dalles, La Grande and Eugene. The staff of the Portland office will be increased to five men.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Governor Earl Snell made the following appointments and re-appointments during the past week: W. L. Williams, Portland manager of the American Air Line, as a member of the Port of Portland commission; Ronald Davis, Portland, and Dow V. Walker, Newport, as members of the advisory committee to the director of veterans' affairs; Claude H. Murphy, Salem, reappointed as real estate commissioner for a four-year term.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hoyt are being felicitated upon the arrival of a six-pound baby boy, born Friday, June 20 at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. Mother and son are reported doing nicely.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise party was given by friends of Mrs. S. H. Shannon on Wednesday, June 18, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Wells, honoring her birthday. In the evening her relatives gathered at the family home to help mother, grandmother and great grandmother to round out a perfect day. A birthday cake baked and presented by her granddaughter, Wilma Hudson Unrein, bore 75 candles.

RETURN FROM CONVENTION

Harvey White, exalted ruler; Terrel Bengt, esteemed leading knight; Frank Connor, secretary,

and O. G. Haguewood and W. H. I. "Buck" Padberg, returned Sunday from Coos Bay where they attended the state convention of the Elks as representatives of Heppner lodge No. 358. Mrs. Haguewood accompanied her husband on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tolleson returned Monday from a vacation trip which took them as far as Alabama. Some of the time was spent in Oklahoma, their former home. Tolleson enjoyed a good rest from strenuous duties which kept him quite constantly on the job at the Union Pacific depot and returns ready to take the helm once more.

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A son, the first, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Van Scholack Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. McIntyre are the parents of a daughter born last week.

An 11-pound son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gammell a few days ago.

Henry Blackman and wife are here from San Francisco for a visit at the Phil Cohn home.

Harlan McCurdy, Miss Della Davidson and Frank E. Cronin, well known lane young people, were in town last evening to see the big show, "The Birth of A Nation."

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Patterson left Sunday for Portland to visit friends in the metropolis for a few days.

Cole Brothers circus will be in Heppner, Friday, June 29.

Elza Vinson of the Monument country was in Heppner the last of the week to receive some pumping machinery from Joe Burgoyne of Lexington.

A mass meeting of business men and property owners was held Friday evening. The street paving question was up for discussion. A committee was appointed to look into the matter

of cost of different types of paving. Another meeting will be held July 6. It looks like some real paving will yet be under way in Heppner in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ferguson of Canyon City passed through Heppner Saturday on their way to Walla Walla to attend the funeral of Mrs. Patterson's uncle.

Mrs. M. C. Curran and daughters Marie and Helen have arrived in the city from The Dalles where the girls have been attending school. As yet they have found no house to rent.

A recent wedding of interest to Morrow county people was that of Miss Vera Shaddock who became the bride of Edward R. Stone of Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Carlton of Baker arrived Tuesday evening for a visit at the home of her son and family, the Harold Beckets.

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ATTENTION!
Patrons of Heppner Business Houses:
It is the desire of the business concerns of Heppner to take advantage of the double holiday to give employer and employee a vacation, therefore stores and other places of business in the town will remain
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