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## SOUTH DITCH LINE RUN

### FOLLOW GEKELER LANE AFTER LEAVING THE SUGAR FACTORY

NORTH SIDE DITCH WILL BE RUN IMMEDIATELY—SIZE OF CANAL ASCERTAINED

### WILL TERMINATE ON CATHERINE

Unless 11th hour changes are made—and they are not anticipated—the route of the main canal for the Meadowbrook irrigation project that will run south and east from the river at Oro Dell, has been decided upon. Engineer Darley Saturday and today ran the lines for the big ditch and when he makes his report to the directors it will in all probabilities be without change from the following route: Leaving the river at Oro Dell the canal will run tangent with the sugar factory until it

strikes the Gekeler lane, at, or near, the Dextor Eaton place; it will then follow the lane directly east to Catherine creek, 11 miles from here. This route will cover an immense territory of farm land. Though not officially announced it is authentically stated that main canal will be 16 feet wide at the bottom, 20 at the top and varying from three to four feet deep. When the South canal is run, the engineer will start the main ditch that will cover the Sandridge country.

### WHEAT PROSPECTS INCREASED 40 PER CENT SINCE LAST MONDAY

Had Union county rearranged the sequence of rain and sunshine, it could not have made a better success of it than nature has done since last Thursday. Following the almost constant rain of three days that soaked every knoll and dale of the entire county, in a manner seldom done at this season of the year, the temperature rose rapidly during last

night. Not only did the showers fill a want, but the rain has added the finishing touches. Where 60 per cent crops were conservatively estimated last Monday the same prognosticators can see 100 per cent crops. They base their judgment on a careful scrutiny of what the showers did and the sunshine with warm weather is doing.

**Handicap Shoot.**  
A handicap shoot is on this week at the Indoor Rifle Range, and there will be something doing as all former prize winners can shoot under a handicap. The first prize is a splendid 22 special Winchester, with peep sight and dextra finished stock; second prize \$5.00.

**Crisis Is Near.**  
PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—he cri-

sis in the street car strike situation here is expected within 24 hours. About 25 per cent of the cars are running to day. Disturbances of a minor character marked the forenoon, but the memorial services were held despite the strike.

**Earthquake in Greece.**  
ATHENS, Greece, May 31.—A severe earthquake causing heavy loss, is reported from the interior today.

### WHITYCOMBE WILL BE STOCK JUDGE

Will be in La Grande June 12. (Signed) James Whitycombe. Such is the wording of a message received by Walter M. Pierce at Hot Lake today from Dr. James Whitycombe, the veteran stockman who holds a responsible position at the Corvallis institution. It means that the peer veterinary will be in La Grande to act as judge of the entries

in the stock show scheduled for that day, and is another ripened fruit of the endeavors of Chairman West and his assistants to bring competent judges to La Grande for that day. The doctor has had years of experience in this line, in fact was at one time the state veterinary. Success is spelled for the horse show at every turn.

### Aviator Makes New Record

GROPPINGER, Germany, May 31.—By breaking all aeronic records

by remaining aloft 40 hours and 15 minutes, covering approximately 100 miles, Count Zeppelin's voyage through air ended here today when the great airship collided with a tree. The count landed earlier in the day at Untertueskheim to take on supplies and immediately ascended again, starting in the direction of Friederichshafen, from where he ascended Saturday morning.

### TORNADO CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 31.—Ten were killed and property valued at \$1,000,000 was damaged by the tornado which swept over Oklahoma Saturday night, according to reports today. At Keywest, one house remains. The deaths reported were at Arlington. It is feared that there are more fatalities, but communication is not restored.

### DRY TOWN LEADS OVER SISTER CITY

Baker City is having considerable difficulty coming to a decision about a Fourth of July celebration. To a Herald representative, one Baker merchant said: "Celebrate, yes, by all means let's not go to sleep. Here is our neighbor town La Grande, a dry town, that is going to have a big celebration. The city has two organizations that are nursing and caring for its welfare and why don't they get busy, call a meeting of the citizens and show that we have some life."

### DEAD SOLDIERS HONORED IN SONGS, PRAISES AND DEEDS

LOYAL BLUECOATS PAY VISIT EN MASSE TO RESTING PLACE OF THE DEAD

### AFTERNOON BRINGS MORE PRAISE

Memorial day services were much better attended today than in the past few years. The weather was beautiful. In the forenoon a large carryall conveyed a number of the veterans to the cemetery where they observed the impressive ritual ceremony of their post. Returning to their hall the W. R. C. had a banquet in readiness. In the afternoon Central church contained a large number of people who had assembled to witness the exercises which were carried out as stated in Saturday's Observer. The special music by church choirs was most excellent. Catherine Riddle and Mrs. E. C. Moore recited pleasing and appropriate selections.

depleting ranks of the men who took part in the great civil conflict. The features of the musical program were solos by Mrs. Silverthorn and Mrs. T. J. Scroggin.

#### At the Scenic.

The Scenic presents an entire new change for the week commencing tonight. Miss Louise De Foggie in her musical comedy will certainly make all the press reports that pre-her are true, and when the curtain rises tonight there will be a crowded house to hear Hall & Colborn in their presentation of an artistic character playlet. If this is your night off you cannot afford to miss taking in the Scenic.

#### Wreck on Santa Fe.

NEWTON, Kan., May 31.—One man was killed and two injured when the El Paso-Santa Fe express was wrecked near Peabody, Kan., today. The dead is Thompson, a postal clerk of Kansas City.

### READY FOR FAIR AND SEATTLE FILLS

SEATTLE, May 31.—With every nail driven, practically every exhibit ready for the official opening tomorrow, Seattle is to day ready for the opening of the A-Y-P. tomorrow. The occasion has attracted tourists from every part of the world today and the city is rapidly overflowing. Seattle itself is a bower of beauty. Hundreds of private homes and prac-

tically every business house in the down town district is draped with bunting and flags and with emblems of the exposition. The slogan "Fair that will be ready," proved to be no idle boast. The opening ceremonies tomorrow will begin in the natural amphitheater with speeches to be delivered by Director General I. A. Nader, President Chillberg and James Hill.

## Creations of Beauty

You should see the new shapes in street hats that have just arrived and are now on display in our millinery department.

### Mewest Street Hats

Among the latest are the Mary Garden, the Peach Basket and those neat new shape Turbans. Prices from \$2.00 to \$5.00

### Stylish Dress Hats

You can be assured when you buy a dress hat from us that it is an exclusive style and each one has and individuality of its own. Have you saw those new Tuscan and Lace Braids. Prices from \$5.00 to \$10.00

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