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PRESIDENT ROOT INSPECTING WORK

**HEAD OF AMERICAN LIGHT
AND POWER CO. IS HERE**
Gives Out Statement That "Hurry" Is
The Keyword of Their Operations
in The Local Water Project—May
go Out Over The Pipe Line While
in This Section of the Country—
Pipe Shipments on the Way Here.

R. S. Root, President of the American Light & Power company of Kansas City, is in La Grande today conferring with Superintendent Dutch and local officials in regard to the progress of construction of the Beaver creek pipe line. Mr. Root has been on a business tour through the Northwest and stopped off here today to spend two or three days in the city. It is possible that he will go over the pipe line himself before he leaves La Grande.

He and Mr. Dutch today affirmed that they are receiving almost daily several bills of lading of shipments of steel pipe made from the Chicago manufacturers for the construction here and that at least some of these shipments will reach La Grande in a very few days.

"We are going to hurry this project with the greatest possible speed for winter is coming on us and it would be a financial loss for us to be caught by freezing weather," said the president today. "A rather peculiar condition exists here and the only solution of it is to hurry matters at a rate seldom attempted. We have been delayed considerably, but will make it up."

Mr. Root will spend the time he devotes to this project, keeping in touch with the development. The crew of 50 men now hoisting dirt as fast as their physical prowess will permit, will be supplied with material

just as quickly as possible. Considerable steel piping will be used at the head of the line.

Never have the grain fields looked any better in the upper John Day valley than they do this year, says the Canyon City Eagle. The yield is exceptionally heavy, oats in places yielding as high as 100 bushels to the acre.

YOUNG BENSON MARRIED.
United in Marriage to Salem Girl While The Governor is Away.
SALEM, Sept. 2.—During the absence of Governor Benson in California, his son Clifford, was today quietly wedded to Bertha Allen, daughter of the county clerk, who is said the license.

According to Mrs. George Carpy, of this city, who is an aunt of the young benedict, the marriage will be a surprise to the governor's family, as, apparently none of the close relatives had been advised of the coming marriage.

HACKED WIFE WITH CHINAWARE

**GRUESOME CRIME COMMITTED IN
SPOKANE HOME.**

**After Slaughter Fiend Defies Police to
Capture Him.**

SPOKANE, Wash., Sept. 2.—After choking his wife and literally hacking her to death with pieces of broken china, John Lindaman, a butcher, recently released from the asylum, is under arrest today.

After the murder he greased himself in vaseline and armed himself with two revolvers to defy the police. When he emptied his revolvers the police broke the door, but were unable to seize Lindaman until they clubbed him insensible. The police then discovered the murder, having been summoned only to quell a crazy man.

HEAP HONORS ON F. A. COOK

**DENMARK PREPARING AN ELABORATE
PROGRAM**

SAY RECORDS TELL TRUTH

**GREATEST OVATION EVER GIVEN AN AMERICAN PREDICTED FOR
EXPLORER COOK WHEN HE LANDS ON AMERICAN SOIL. RECORDS
WILL BE READ WHEN HE COMES AND TRUTH DEFINITELY KNOWN THEN—EXPLORATIONS NEWS WITHHELD.**

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 2.—Denmark is preparing to honor Dr. Cook, the plucky American explorer, who after two years of indescribable hardships succeeded in reaching the pole. A magnificent reception will be tendered him on his arrival on the steamer Han Egede. Thousands of persons representing all nations will greet the American, who is the most talked of man in the world today when he plants his feet in Denmark. Saturday. The officials in the city have chartered a special boat to go seaward and greet him. At the banquet to be given Cook he will be presented to the King and Queen of Denmark. Everywhere Cook is called "The man of the century."

The Americans are jubilant and all business is suspended. The stars and stripes are flying from all government buildings and private houses. The residential section is a mass of red white and blue bunting.

The Danish press fully accepts Cook. It admits unflinchingly that the American has accomplished what hundreds of brave men laid down their life to attain. No paper hints that discovery may not be true. All are profuse in the praise and courage of the American.

Bradley Is Happy Too.
NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The happiest man here today is John R. Bradley, who financed the exploration expedition of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, which resulted in the stars and stripes being planted on the North Pole. Said: "If the news be true, and it must be true, Cook's accomplishment is the most wonderful thing ever attempted by any man. Just imagine a man with courage enough to make a dash for

the pole unassisted, and reach it, unaided by any white man, and return alive and well. It is the most wonderful achievement in the history of this generation or any other generation. Friends tried to get me to subscribe for a fund to seek Cook, but I had the greatest confidence he would return and so refused. I believe when he returns, Americans will give him the greatest welcome ever occurred in America."

Cablegram to San Jose.
SAN JOSE, Calif., Sept. 2.—According to Father Richard Gleason, president of Santa Clara college, a cablegram from Dr. Cook has been received by Mrs. Martz, wife of a Redland capitalist. The message reads: "I have placed the stars and stripes over the North Pole."

(signed) COOK.
Mrs. Martz explained this in accordance to an agreement two years ago that he should tell her the first news of his success, or failure in the boreal zone.

Records Will be Proof.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Scientists interviewed here today are practically unanimous in declaring the belief that Cook's word will be accepted without a doubt and that he will be accredited with the greatest discovery of modern times. A prominent scientist said: "If a single white man makes the journey, his word must be taken to a certain extent. It is true a scientist wouldn't lie, and Cook's reputation as a scientist is established."

Another said: "Fake observations are impossible. There are ways of checking observations in any part of the world. Cook's record will be all the proof necessary."

WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS AT THE SEATTLE EXPOSITION

SEATTLE, Sept. 2.—(Special)—A large delegation of Wenatchee boosters will leave Thursday for Seattle to take part in the Wenatchee Day celebration at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, Friday. The Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce has chartered a special train for the party. Two car loads of Wenatchee fruit have arrived at the exposition for distribution among the visitors at the Chelan county booth in the Agricultural building on this day.

The Washington State Fourth Class Postmasters association will hold its day at the fair, Saturday. Postmasters from all of the small towns of the state will be present at the ex-

hibitions, which will be held in the auditorium on the exposition grounds.

The central feature of the week's entertainment at the fair, will be Japan Day, Saturday. Fifteen thousand Japanese from all parts of the Pacific coast will take part.

The feature of Dairy Day, Saturday, will be the practical demonstration of ten patent milking machines. The committee has imported ten of the finest milch cows which could be secured in the state for this test. They will be kept on the grounds for several days and then the experiments will be conducted. On this day cheese milk and sandwiches will be given away free at the Dairy building on the exposition grounds to all visitors.

SALT LAKE CADETS IN CITY BRIEFLY

Salt Lake's high school cadets, 311 strong, Captain William C. Webb commanding, arrived in La Grande at 3 o'clock this afternoon and for a period of one hour inspected all the points of attraction in the city of La Grande during the process of limbering up their limbs. Straight, military in aspect, jolly and gentlemanly,

the aggregation made a catchy appearance as they, in their natty uniforms of blue, lettered in gold, walked about the city in an unostentatious manner. La Grande was given the privilege of hearing the famous "Kid" band which made such a hit at Seattle. For half an hour the band of 62 pieces rendered popular concert

numbers which were greatly appreciated by those who were favored with happening in the vicinity of the headquarters.

After an hour's visit the special train of eight coaches continued its journey homeward. At "assembly" call the youngsters dropped their "at ease" men and carriage and entertained like a group of regulars.

Every member is a high school lad and the cadet band has no member over 19 years.

This is the first stop since they left Portland, and the only reason that they stopped here, says one of the leaders, was to show that Salt Lake City appreciated the courteous way in which the choir was treated when they were in La Grande.

Wright Won't Fly.

DAYTON, Ohio, Sept. 2.—It has been officially announced at Wright's home that Wilbur Wright won't fly at St. Louis against Glenn Curtiss, holder of the world's speed record for a 20 kilometre night, made recently at Rheims.

600 DROWNED IN JAVA CLOUDBURST

**SURVIVORS FLEEING TO ESCAPE
THE FLOODS.**

**No Signs of Relief in Southeastern
Java Community.**

BATAVIA, Java, Sept. 2.—Six hundred natives were drowned, crops ruined, thousands are homeless and fleeing to escape devastating waters is a part of the record of the terrible flood following a cloud burst, which annihilated the town of Bezocki in Southeastern Java, and flooded the country side for miles.

Communication is cut off, but the water shows no signs of receding. Relief work is difficult and hazardous.

CAN RAISE TWO CROPS.

**Let Cows Eat Strawberry Plants and
Raise Another Crop.**

A Dayton, Washington dispatch of yesterday says:

"An important discovery to the fruitgrowers of Washington has been made by W. E. Huntley, of Dayton, who claims to have found a method of growing two crops of strawberries annually. This is not so important as the fact that his method will produce a second crop equal to the first one in June. If the discovery proves successful, it will mean thousands of dollars annually to Washington fruit growers."

Mr. Huntley's first crop of strawberries yielded \$450 an acre this year. From present indications the second which will be ready to gather this month will yield an equal if not a much larger returns. After gathering the first crop in July, Mr. Huntley turned a band of cattle into the patch and the plants were eaten off to the ground. Then he turned water into the ditches again and the plants grew wonderfully fast. Berries have commenced to appear and are thriving nicely. The method is unique and promises much for the Touchet Valley with its immense strawberry crop.

MILLIONAIRE IN PRISON.

**Aged Californian Loses Identity in
San Quentin Prison Today.**

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Sept. 2.—William J. Bradbury, the aged millionaire, convicted of perjury, entered the prison here today and lost identity, he became convict 23,753. He sobbed as he entered, and exclaimed "This is awful" and was then given a bath, striped and assigned to a cell. Unless pardoned he will serve a year sentence in the jute mill, subsisting on prison fare.

SMALL GRAINS HALF THRESHED

**OATS AND BARLEY YIELDS
AVERAGE CROPS IT SEEMS**

**With Threshing Temporarily Suspend Farmers Are Transferring
Grain Sacks to Warehouses at Rapid Rate—One Eighty-Bushel Crop of Oats Reported—Oats and Barley Crops Are Just About Normal—
Conditions of Wheat Elsewhere as Well.**

When the rain gods pulled the stoppers last night and permitted a thorough soaking of the valley, just a trifle more than half of Union county's small grains had been threshed. Up to last night the amount in grain warehouses was small, but since threshing has been temporarily stopped, much of it will be transferred to the elevators and warehouses. Threshers men who are in the city today report that the amount of grain in sack piles at this time is considerably greater than common.

Oats and Barley Prospects.
Just a fair sized crop of oats and barley is the way that several have sized up the situation in Union county, based on careful study. While occasionally reports come in of an enormously large yield in oat fields, they are not common and the general run of reports are average in size. The acreage of both barley and oats is not large as in the past.

One Big Yield.
Among the big yields reported up to date is that of Walter M. Pierce who last evening completed a 50 acre field that average of 80 bushels to the acre.

Big Stir in Northwest.
WALLA WALLA, Sept. 2.—Claiming that the yield in wheat will be 65,000,000 bushels for the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and that the farmers of this state alone will harvest, 40,000,000 bushels of wheat, Leo Peterson, a well-known henchman, editor of the Commercial Gazette, has stirred up a hornet's nest in this community. In an interview given out at Colfax, Peterson states that he is making a tour of the northwest and gives as his confident opinion that the crops now being harvested will prove almost 25 per cent greater than any ever produced before in the history of the northwest. This in itself is considered by the wheat growers of this community a gross error, for it is now recognized that the yield this season in all the eastern counties of this state are way below usual. In direct contrast to his own statements, Peterson says that the banner crop of 1907, which produced 38,000,000 bushels of wheat for this state, will be beaten this year by 2,000,000, when it is known by every person who tilled soil that the yield for the state of Washington will not be over 30,000,000 bushels.

"As far as I am concerned personally," said Mr. Peterson, "it does not make any difference whether the crop is 1,000,000 or 30,000,000 bushels, consequently I want the farmers to understand that I am only telling them this for their own good and I most assuredly would advise them to sell before the present market breaks, as it undoubtedly will in two or three weeks."

This is taken by the farmers of this locality to mean that they should hurry and sell and get the present price, or wheat is going to soar, because of the unusual shortage. That the intentions of Mr. Peterson are to lower the price is well known by every grain grower who knows anything, for his statements regarding the unusual crop are wrong and are looked upon as a trick of the buyers enabling them to stock up on low priced cereals.

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