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## MILLION BUSHEL CROP AGAIN

EVERY INDICATION POINTS TO A RECORD WHEAT CROP THIS SUMMER.

## EARLY STAND NEVER BETTER

Sandridge County a Picture of Fertility and Wealth—Though Crops Late in Some Instances, Stand is Even Better Than Last Year When Records Were Smashed—All Small Grains Show Even Stands.

Signs point to a second successive bumper small grains crops in Grande Ronde valley this year. That last year's record crop of a million bushels will be duplicated by wheat growers for the second successive time can now be predicted with considerable certainty for unless unforeseen disaster occurs, the early stand will surely yield even more, or at least as much, as last season, when all records for crops were broken.

**Acreage Diminishing.**  
A remarkable feature which goes hand in hand with the promise of a million-bushel wheat crop, is the fact that the acreage is diminishing with great rapidity every year—wheat fields are being converted into orchards. Notwithstanding that this is a fact, the total crop remains the same, or even more. This is manifestly due to the increasing fertility of the soil and satisfactory climatic conditions in recent years. Seldom in the past decade has the prospects been as indicative of bumper and records crops as right now.

The Sandridge country is a picture of perfect crops. Spring grains of all varieties are standing far more encouragingly than usual and winter grains are likewise of a stand that will spell record crops. T. M. Ruckman of Imbler, stated today that in his long career as small grains grower, he has seldom if ever seen more satisfactory indications at this time of the year, than right now. The same is true of all wheat and small grain growing sections. In many instances the crop is later than customary but more even and prolific.

## PULLMAN FOR LA GRANDE

SPECIAL TRAIN TO BE RUN FROM EASTERN OREGON.

Train to Leave La Grande at 10 O'clock on the Sixth.

La Grande is to have special accommodations to attend the Rose festival this year, when an entire standard car will be set aside for La Grande, to be made in a special train from Baker City. This is even more room than has been given La Grande in the past, and the many who will attend the Rose show this year, will be pleased to learn of the arrangement. The following notice was announced this morning:

**Portland Rose Festival.**  
Special train will leave Baker City as first Number five June 6. For this train La Grande will have one standard sleeper. All passengers desiring space in this car will please make request as early as possible. Train will also carry day coaches. Arriving time in La Grande, 10:05 p. m.

**Prominent Redmen Coming.**  
Great Prophet J. H. Fitzgerald, of Medford, and Great K. of W. Jas. A. Delvin of this city were at Pilot Rock yesterday visiting the Redmen of that city. The great prophet paid an official visit to the tribe of this city last

night. After scalping a few palefaces and listening to an address by the grand prophet, the Indians trilled to the camp of Chief Umsholis, where they all partook of corn and venison. The great prophet will visit La Grande, Baker City, Sumpter and all cities in Eastern Oregon, where the Redmen have tribes before returning home. J. H. Fitzgerald is also one of the delegates from the great council of Oregon to the great council of Redmen of the United States which meets this fall in Toledo, Ohio. The boys are always pleased when Brother Fitz (as he is called by them) visits their wigwams.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

**Getch New World's Champion.**  
Chicago, June 2. Frank Getch, the wrestler who defeated Zhyzsko, the Polish champion in two straight falls, said today he is now willing to quit. Zhyzsko will return to Poland.

## STRIKE FEVER IN PORTLAND

MACHINISTS MAY JOIN THE TEAMSTERS NOW STRIKING.

Machinists Want Shorter Hours and Ten Cents a Day More.

Portland, June 2.—With 400 transfer teamsters now out on a strike Portland is today threatened with a strike of 300 skilled mechanics employed in machine shops. Machinists demanded an eight-hour day with a minimum increase of ten cents a day. The employees expect an answer today. The men are now working on a nine hour basis.

TAFT PLEADS FOR LOVE.

Loveless Marriages are Crimes Says the Executive in Speech

Philadelphia, June 2.—"Loveless marriage is almost criminal," said President Taft today in addressing the graduates at Bryn Mawr, a school for girls. He said a college education did not rob a woman of power for her business career. "I am ready to concede that marriage in womanhood is woman's normal status but this is far from saying that woman is a failure unless she is married."

FRUITMEN LOSING MONEY.

Strike at Portland is Costing Fruit Dealers Much Money.

Portland, June 2.—The Draymen's association today voted to stand out against the striking teamsters who demand an increase in wages. Heavy losses are reported by fruit wholesalers and handlers of perishable goods. Freight is piling up at the wharves and warehouses. Employers have notified the chief of police that they want reserves ready for trouble as they intend to put on non union men as soon as possible.

FLY ACROSS CHANNEL.

Aviator Able to Successfully Cross the English Channel in Aircraft.

Dover, June 2.—Charles Stewart Rolls, the aviator, flew across the English channel this afternoon. He started from the English shore.

Sugar Grafter on Stand.

New York, June 2.—Ernest Gerbract, ex-superintendent of the Williamsburg refinery of the American Sugar company, was cross examined today by Assistant U. S. Attorney Stimson in the trial of the sugar trust.

The witness said they found it hard to cheat the growers by weight so they used fraud through the grades.

## ROADS PLAN TO HURRY TRIAL

LEGAL ADVISORS FOR TWENTY-FIVE ROADS GET THEIR HEADS TOGETHER.

## RATE WAR IS FAR REACHING

Complaints from All Sections of the Country Against Increased Rates Gives Rise to Belief that Department of Justice Will Attack Entire Railway Systems of the Country—Counsels in Conference.

St. Louis June 2.—A conference of attorneys for twenty-five of the roads, against which an injunction prohibiting rate increase was granted, has been scheduled for today. It is believed they plan means to get the temporary injunction dissolved so as to bring the case to immediate trial.

Extensive War on Railroads.

Washington, June 2.—The government's filing of injunction suit against 25 Western railroads which resulted in an issuance of an injunction yesterday restraining them from increasing the rates, is said to be the first step in a far-reaching campaign against the railway abuses by the department of justice. Complaints from all parts of the country where rates are increased, will be made. It is understood and it is intimated that the department will start similar suits in various districts.

DEAD MARK RETREAT.

Madrid's Forces Routed and Retreating With no Order at All.

Bluefields, June 2.—A courier from the south today says that Madrid's retreat has turned into a rout. The line of retreat is marked by dead and wounded. General Lerais is endeavoring to reach the village where he expects the gunboat Venus to take the fleeing troops aboard.

## ASTERS NEED TO BE CARED FOR

CHAIRMAN REMINDS GROWERS THAT TRANSPLANTING IS NEEDED.

Large District to Be Eligible for Prizes to Be Awarded This Year.

Mrs. M. B. Donohue, newly elected chairman of the Neighborhood Annual aster show, reminds all those interested in aster culture and the aster show, that the proper time to transplant is right now. If the transplanting is done now, and the culture is properly cared for, the blooms will be at their best at the time of the annual show.

Not only will La Grande aster growers be given a chance to compete for the prizes, but the surrounding territory will be eligible as well. The best yard display will also be on the board of enviable prizes and growers should bear this in mind as well. Manifestly, the time to arrange for yard display is at the time of transplanting and general arrangement of beds. Other announcements will be made as soon as the various committees are appointed by the chairman.

## VAST CROWD WILL ATTEND

OVER 200 ENTRIES ALREADY ON THE LIST OF EXHIBITS FOR STOCK SHOW.

## REVISED PROGRAM READY

Elgin Coming With Four Coaches Filled With Boosters—All Things Point to Remarkable Crowd and Unprecedented Success of Horse Show Which Opens at Union Tomorrow—Program in Fall.

Union, June 2.—Special—Weather gods promising excellent weather, stockmen of the county rallying to the support of the Union Horse show, a rearranged program perfected, and all indications pointing to the most stupendous show of its kind ever held in Eastern Oregon, Union business and management of the show are lending every effort to entertaining guests tomorrow and Saturday.

The rearranged program follows:

Friday—Judging of cattle, 8:30; judging of horses, 11:30; noon hour; La Grande vs. Union, baseball at 10 a. m.; parade at 1 p. m., parade forming at fair grounds. All stock exhibits must enter parade. Judging of Shetlands in harness at 2:30; double roadsters driven by gentlemen; single roadsters driven by gentlemen.

Race Program.

Quarter mile dash, free for all; half mile dash, free for all; relay race. Band concert from 7:30 to 8:30 at down town stand. Dancing at Corey hall at 9 o'clock.

Saturday's Program.

Judging of horse in halter continued at 8 a. m.; four and tow horse teams in harness; best all purpose team; best mule team in harness; best four-mule team in harness. Union vs. Cove, baseball 10 a. m. Noon hour. Parade at 1 the same as Friday; Showman's prize award immediately after parade; team of travelers driven by lady; single traveler drive by lady; best saddler ridden by

## NO CONTRACT LET BY BOARD

FINAL ACTION MAY COME THIS EVENING, HOWEVER.

Contrary to Announcement, Board Did not reach Decision.

Contrary to announcement made this morning, the contract for the construction of the new high school building has not been let. The board met last night to consider the matter at hand but did not come to a conclusion but it is believed final action will come this evening. Several of the contractors have withdrawn their bids and the selection has now narrowed down to a few.

However, it has been agreed that the matter of plumbing will not be let at this time but will be taken up as soon as the contract for the building proper has been let.

Transport Sinks Near Manila.

Manila, June 2.—United States transport Indianapolis foundered in 20 fathoms of water off Corregidor Island, eighteen miles from here today. All escaped before the vessel sank. It is reported she struck a submerged log. It was a small boat with a single crew.

lady; three-gaited saddler ridden by gentleman; five-gaited saddler ridden by gentleman; driving competition, single and double.

Saturday Race Program.

Mile dash; cowboy race, only saddle horses eligible; relay race; half mile hurdle; band concert at 7:30 to 8:30; dancing at 9 o'clock.

Elgin Band Coming.

In addition to the La Grande band, which will be here, comes word that Elgin is bringing its band and four coaches of visitors. The same thing is true of Cove as far as the visitors are concerned. Two hundred and fifty entries are already in and Secretary Scribner reports that more are coming in this evening. With anything like good weather, the event will be a record breaker in attendance and general success.

London, June 2.—The story of the discovery of the north pole was told to King George today by Peary. Peary was received by the king.

## DECLARE WAR ON FLY EVIL

COUNCIL TRANSACTS LARGE ACCOUNT OF BUSINESS.

Various Sanitary Problems Taken Up and Discussed at Length.

To inaugurate a strenuous war on open garbage cans in back yards, to secure strict enforcement of the auto speed limit law, and to take action on various sanitary and other important measures are only some of the transactions coming before the city council last evening.

The matter of selling the idle electric pumping plant of the city was brought up. Sale will be possible next fall according to the best information obtainable.

While there was no new developments in the matter of crematory or dumping grounds for garbage, the question consumed considerable time. "It is a serious matter," said the mayor to the councilmen. "It is so serious that every day I am confronted with the problem, when people ask me where they can dump garbage. The matter must be adjusted at once."

The committee appointed to look into the matter suggested that the extreme north end of Fourth street be used, but this would likely infringe on the statute provisions as it is unlawful to dump garbage in any stream. The park association would undoubtedly object strenuously to such a proceeding, too, as the dump would be but a short distance above the park. Inhabitants along the river bank would have a legitimate complaint coming, too. Something will have to be done and that promptly, according to general opinion.

A petition was read, for a four-inch water main on O avenue to connect two dead ends, one at Fifth and one at Seventh street. The matter was referred to proper committees.

A theatre permit was asked for by the Airdome concern through Thomas Bruce. Same was granted.

As announced in the Observer a few days ago, the residents of Sixth street petitioned for a reconsideration of the council's proceedings, and have bitulithic pavement put on that street from Washington to K street instead of macadam as previously decided upon. As a great majority of the property owners signed the petition, there seems to be no stumbling block to their prayers.

Street Superintendent Matoot recommended a new ordinance regulating the laying of sidewalks and curbing. This was referred.

The city engineer reported that the excavation on Adams avenue for Macadam on the east end had been completed, and that a subgrade had been established for one block which was originally intended for Macadam but

## WOOL GROWERS TO BE FAVORED

O. R. & N. ALLOWS PRIVILEGE THAT WAS BONE OF LONG LITIGATION.

## NO NEED TO BALE WOOL

Oregon and Washington to Have Privileges That Formerly Belonged to People Living on O. S. L. and Northern Pacific—Will Give Eastern Buyers a Chance to Bid on Oregon Wool Clips.

Portland, June 2.—Announcement that the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company will permit shipment of wool in sacks without baling after July 8 from all points on its lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, is considered here as a partial victory for the Oregon Wool Growers' association.

According to the new tariff, unbaled shipments are allowed to go to the Atlantic seaboard. For months the association has been fighting for this clause. Through the Oregon Railroad Commission complaint was made to the interstate commerce commission attacking the baling regulation on east bound freights. The case is now pending.

For years the shippers on the O. S. L. and Northern Pacific lines enjoyed the unbaled wool rate and it is expected that eastern buyers who refused to buy Oregon wool will now become bidders as it removes the expense of baling.

While wool is not a very extensive product of Union county, there is nevertheless sufficient clips in this valley to warrant considerable elation at the victory of the Wool Growers' association. The sheep industry is rapidly growing, and it is pleasing to those who are already in the business, to know that the objectionable features of former provisions have been removed.

## FOUR BRIDGES PURCHASED

LARGE TERRITORY TO BE GIVEN NEW STRUCTURES.

Court Hopes to Adjourn This Evening With Two Days' Work.

Four steel bridges, the longest 100 feet, were purchased yesterday afternoon by the county and commissioners, and as many bridges will be installed as soon as possible in various parts of the county. One of the bridges will be installed across the river at the Red bridge near Cove, one is going up north of Elgin, one across Big Ditch and another near Allice.

The court expects to adjourn this evening as the policy of the court is to clean up all the work in two days if possible. Nothing of great importance came up for consideration at this term.

EXTEND HEARTFELT THANKS.

Relatives of Pioneer Lady Feel Grateful to Friends.

We desire to thank each and everyone who so kindly and tenderly showed their love and appreciation of the late Grandmother Palmer, including the Rebekah lodge at Baker City which organization remembered the deceased with beautiful floral offerings.

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THE RELATIVES.