

## JUDGE LOVETT IS EXPECTED HERE IMMEDIATELY

LOCAL OFFICIALS ANTICIPATED HIS ARRIVAL THIS AFTERNOON SOME TIME

## ONTARIO NEW TERMINAL

Seems to Be Conflicting Reports as to Final Destination of Supreme Head of the Harriman System—Some Say he Is Going to Interior Oregon from Ontario—Others Claim He Is Coming Through La Grande.

Judge Robert S. Lovett, supreme head of the Harriman railroad system since the founder, E. H. Harriman, died, is in Eastern Oregon and momentarily his arrival on the Oregon Railroad and Navigation lines is anticipated. Local officials stand in readiness to take charge of the special train carrying the party of prominent officials. They were due at Baker City last evening, but for some reason have not made their appearance at Huntington, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It is possible that the party has struck off cross-country to the interior of Oregon.

In the party are Vice-president and General Manager J. P. O'Brien, Chief Counsel W. W. Cotton and a half-dozen of the O. S. L. officials. The galaxy of officials were assembled at Ontario to negotiate the sale of a section of the O. S. L. to the O. R. & N., and the terminal at Huntington is to be moved on to Ontario, 35 miles, adding that much to the run out from La Grande.

Newspaper reports are to the effect that the entire crowd will go to Burns as soon as the sale at Ontario is negotiated. On the other hand, railroad reports have it that the judge and party are coming over the O. R. & N. at once. Judge Lovett has never been in La Grande, and his visit is consequently of much importance.

Local officials know nothing of the pending change in division points, and it will make little difference to this point.

## NEW BAND LEADER HERE.

Prof. Hill of Toppenish, Wn., is now in charge of local band. The La Grande band held a rehearsal last evening under the leadership of Prof. Hill, the newly installed band master. Mr. Hill is a musician of rare ability, and he is commencing to build up the efficiency of the band from the bottom, and the band members are enthused over their new leader's skill, and interest. Mr. Hill is a tallor and will locate here permanently.

## HOSPITAL AT ENTERPRISE

Private Institution to be Put in Operation in Wallowa Metropolis. Enterprise, Ore., Aug. 6.—Special.—A private hospital will be established in this city by Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Browning, the former a son of J. L. Browning, connected with the Enterprise Mercantile and Milling company in this city. Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Browning have recently arrived to reside here. Mrs. Browning being a trained nurse. The hospital grows out of a public demand here, all persons now and hitherto ill and demanding hospital treatment, having been compelled to seek hospital quarters either in La Grande or Portland.

Will Spend Summer Here. Mrs. George Travis arrived last evening from Hobart, Oklahoma, to spend the summer with Judge Knowles and family.

### Bandits Rob Stage.

Silver City, N. M., Aug. 6.—Two bandits, after shooting and killing Driver Jose Dominguez, looted the Mogolon mountain stage today near here. They escaped with \$18,000 in gold and silver bullion. The silver bars were recovered by a sheriff's posse, but the cheaper metal was abandoned. There were no passengers on the stage.

### Public Awaits Alice's Decision

Boston, Aug. 6.—The campaign to urge Alice Longworth to abstain from cigarettes, because of the example set for boys and girls of the country, gained an impetus today. Mrs. Ella Gleason, president of the Suffolk County Temperance Union, said today "True-hearted womenly women have done their duty and it is for her to listen to their request or not."

### Ask for Investigation.

Douglas, Ariz., Aug. 6.—The order of railroad conductors today asked the Washington government to investigate the incarceration of four members of their order at Guaymas, Mexico.

## JOSEPH BANK IS TO BE MOVED

### COMMON TALK THAT MR. McCULLY WILL MOVE BANK

### Combination Institution to be Erected at Enterprise, Say Reports

Enterprise, Ore., Aug. 6.—Special.—It develops, if current testimony proves true, that the new bank to be started in Enterprise by Salt Lake City capital, will be also a "combination" of the new bank and one of the present banks of Joseph, seven miles from here. This statement has not been verified by any one connected with the new concern, but repeated rumors come from somewhere, apparently everywhere, announcing that the McCully bank of Joseph will move to Enterprise. The McCully bank is one of the oldest institutions of its kind in Wallowa county. The F. D. McCully mercantile company, controlling the bank, was at one time in the early days of the county perhaps, the largest business firm here and in the adjoining counties, having stores at the leading settlements within the county. The firm had mail contracts at one time from the main lines of railroad to the interior, and for years conducted a stage traffic without a single fatal accident or "hold-up," during a quarter of a century when accidents and hold-ups might have been the most logical happenings possible. The fact that they did not occur, as rehearsed by many pioneers here, shows good management. If rumor proves true, that this firm should consolidate with Salt Lake City capital in moving the Joseph concern here and establishing a new banking institution, the fact would greatly increase the bank deposits of this city and add many new banking customers to the county seat.

## BIG WINTER APPLE.

### Imbler Orchard has Winter Variety of Large Proportions Early

A winter variety of apples growing on the Cleaver orchard at Imbler was brought to La Grande today. It measures 12 inches in circumference and this so early in August is a remarkable size indeed. There are several on the trees of similar or even greater size, and indications point to an enormous crop this fall.

### New Thresher for Wallowa

Enterprise, Ore., Aug. 6.—In verification of the increased wheat harvest this year over any preceding year, in this county, another grain threshing outfit has been received in Enterprise by C. S. Haney from the Chase company of Racine, Wis. The outfit consists of traction engine, separator and water tanks and trucks.

## CURTIS DENIES PORTER HOVERS NEAR DEATH AT ELGIN

### GORE CHARGES OF GRAFT

### DENIES HE EVER KNEW HAMON WHO IS CONNECTED WITH GRAFT CHARGES

## BLIND SENATOR RETORTS BOND IS TEN THOUSAND

### Curtis on the Witness Stand and Outlines His Connections with McMurray Contract—Sherman and He Asked to Advise President Taft on Situation in Oklahoma Last April—Committee Adjourns Today.

Muskogee, Aug. 6.—Senator Curtis, of Kansas, was before the committee investigating the Gore charges today, and denied Senator Gore's charges that he was interested in the McMurray contracts on Indian lands in Oklahoma. He said: "I have never been interested in the McMurray contracts. I am a member of the committee on Indian affairs, and knew Murray and Gore. As far as I can remember I never met Hamon. The committee expects to finish today."

"In April Taft said he desired to see Sherman and myself," said Curtis. "We went together to the White house and Taft asked for information regarding the proposed granting of tribal rolls and asked us what we thought about it. I said I thought it would be a grave mistake for him to take any other stand on the question." Curtis declared Gore told the committee on Indian affairs that certain men interested in the land deals was to get two commissions.

### Gore Answers Hamon.

"I am not surprised that one willing to debase, would be willing to defame," was Gore's comment on Hamon's testimony yesterday, in which the witness intimated Gore's charges might have been made in the spirit of revenge.

Gore sent numerous telegrams last night, and while it is not known what the nature of the messages were, it is believed he expects to show the nature of telegraph correspondence between certain congressmen and those interested in the Indian contracts, and that he is asking some of these men to appear before the committee.

## BUMPER WHEAT CROP

### John Wells of Imbler Will Produce a Remarkable Crop of Wheat

Among the banner stands of wheat that are being harvested this week, is that of John Wells near Imbler. The ranch consists of 400 acres and it is averaging forty or more bushels to the acre. The stand is remarkably even and is credited with being one of the finest wheat fields in Union county this year.

## Allen & Lewis Car Here.

The Allen & Lewis touring car, which is operated by Larry Larison, a Portland drummer, is in La Grande today. The machine has just completed a trip to Boise, Burns in interior Oregon, and Joseph in the Wallowa country. This is a Maxwell car. Portland wholesalers are rapidly coming to realize that the automobile is a far more convenient and time-saving method of travel than the train service formerly resorted to.

## PUBLISH LAND DESCRIPTIONS

### The Observer Today Gives Readers a Description of Wallowa Lands.

Lands in Wallowa county that are to be thrown open to settlement October 22, and entry November 21, are described in an official notice from the department of the interior today. The exact boundaries of each parcel of land in the opening are given.

## Crippen Cellar Body a Woman.

London, Aug. 6.—The body found in the cellar of the Crippen home was that of a woman, according to Dr. Pepper, the London chemist. He says

the remains are those of a middle-aged woman, of large and robust type. The description corresponds to that of Mrs. Crippen.

### Find Society Lady in Lake

Glen Brook, Nev., 6.—The body of Mrs. J. Bowen of Seattle, wife of a member of the firm of Tatum and Bowen, was found in the lake at Tapoe today. It is believed she fell into the water while boating.

### Dies While Killing Wolf.

Wellington, Wash., Aug. 6.—J. O. Kamleson, a rancher, tried to smoke out a wolf last night, and crawled down and lighted a smelly mixture. The fumes were expected to drive the animal out, but before he could crawl out of the hole, he was overcome himself and suffocated.

### Wreck Hurts Premier.

Winnipeg, Aug. 6.—In a head-on collision here last night, Sir Wilfrid Lawler, premier of Canada, who is touring Canada, was slightly injured about the legs, hands and face by broken glass. The fireman on the

## FIRE FIGHTERS NEAR JORDAN

### BEAVER CREEK WATER SHEDS IN MUCH DANGER

### Crew of Forty Men Taken Out to Burning Forest by Agents

As the outcome of a race down the mountainous and treacherous trails to La Grande from Beaver Creek by Forest Ranger Thos. Parker last evening, about fifty men are today hurrying to the scene of a forest fire recently springing into dangerous size and location on Jordan creek, and will institute a systematic warfare against the flames under the direction of the government forest ranger.

The fire is working toward the Beaver creek water sheds, and the forest ranger, learning of the fact, immediately hurried to La Grande and with the assistance of the city administration, recruited a force of men and hurried back again to the fire.

Jordan creek is between the headwaters of Beaver creek and La Grande and at the point where the fire is located, there is a divide between the two streams of about a half mile to a mile in width, and it is on this ridge that the fire is now raging. Should the flames reach the Beaver creek water shed and burn over it, the creek would be shorn of much timber protection.

This afternoon there has been no report from the scene of the fire, and it is hoped that the small army of people hired by the city and the government, will be able to forestall any damage to the Beaver Creek shed.

## Alarm Not Warranted.

Local people who are acquainted with the ground on which the fire is raging, say there is no alarming aspect to the blaze. While there will be damage to the timber and some injury to the watershed protection should the fire continue, there is no alarm necessary as far as the water supply is concerned. No fire could materially injure La Grande's supply, they say, and while of course the fire should be fought, people should not become excited over the danger to the water system, for the danger of pollution to water is trifling.

A great stack of commissary was taken along. E. Polack was asked to outline what Water Superintendent H. C. Gilman and Forest Ranger Parker, and their thirty-five assistants would need to eat, and will not be starvation while the men are struggling with the flames.

### Important Notice.

County Clerk Ed Wright will have the registration books in the rear room of the United States National bank, beginning Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock.

## AIR RACERS LOST IN FOG BUT END RACE

### AMERICAN LOSES IN RACE WITH FRENCHMAN FOR BIG CASH PRIZE

## LOST IN A DENSE FOG

### Latham Wins Handily in Race From Chalons to Suburb of Paris Today—Remarkable Race Marked with Strange Incidents—Airship Circles for Many Hours Before Being Able to Locate Bearings and Proceed.

Paris, Aug. 6.—Hubert Latham, driving an Antoinette monoplane in an 87-mile race from Chalons to Isby, a suburb of Paris, against Weyman, the American, in a Farman biplane, was easily the victor today. Weyman was out-distanced easily.

### Lost in Fog.

Latham spent four hours flying in a circle before he succeeded in setting a course for Paris. A heavy fog bewildered the aviator and although he flew low, he was unable to find his way.

Latham left Chalons half an hour ahead of Weyman. It was not until eleven-thirty, near Nogent, that the aviator got his bearings. He immediately set out toward Paris at a forty-mile speed. The prize was the Falco two thousand dollar purse.

## Death of Thelma Haynes.

Thelma Haynes, three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Haynes, died on the morning of August 5, after an illness of several days' duration, of some kind of spinal trouble.

Little Thelma was a bright, winsome, lovable little girl, a favorite with all. The bereaved parents have the sympathies of our people in their great affliction. The funeral will be held at the undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday.—Union Scout.

## PROGRAM IS READY.

### Law Enforcement League Will Meet Tomorrow Evening to Elect Officers

Election of Law Enforcement officers, and a program of speeches and music has been outlined for the mass meeting tomorrow night. The program as follows:

- Chairman, W. S. Seemann.
- Music by combined choirs of the city churches.
- Prayer—Rev. Ford Ellis.
- Solo—Mrs. A. L. Richardson.
- Appointment of nomination committee.
- Music by choir.
- Address—"Law Enforcement"—A. S. Geddes.
- Special song, solo and chorus.
- Short talks by citizens.
- Male quartet.
- Address—W. S. Seemann.
- Election of officers for law and enforcement league for the ensuing year.
- Male quartet.
- Closing song by choir.
- Benediction—H. E. McLeod.

## BACK TO LA GRANDE FOR HIM.

### William Luchman Sees Other Points and Compares

William Luchman, of Rock Island, Illinois, who has been in the northwest for a few days looking at the country, returned this morning to La Grande stating this is by far the best country he has seen in all of his trip. He carefully compared all other points with this section of Oregon which has convinced that this offers the best opportunity for investment. He will remain here for a short time and then return to his home in Illinois and in all probability arrange to locate in the Grande Ronde valley or Wallowa county.