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GRANDE RONDE HARVEST HAS NOW BEGUN

GRAIN YIELD WILL BE BELOW
THE AVERAGE OF NORMAL
YEARS.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

Cool Nights Have Effect in Over-
coming Heat of the Day and Most
of the Grain Had a Good Start—
Hay Crop Is Generally Recognized
as Being Short.

Preparations for the harvesting of
the grain crop of Grande Ronde are
now under way in all localities. That
there will be a yield below that of the
average of normal years is admitted.
To just what extent there will be a
deficit from a full crop is a matter
on which people of different localities
do not agree. Some place the "off
yield" as much as 10 bushels per
acre, less than third of a full crop.
Spring grain is in fair condition in
most localities and has had the advan-
tage of a good start before the
warmest part of the summer got un-
der way. It is conceded that the hay
crop will be short from the fact that
alfalfa suffered severely on account
of the late spring freeze. Large
areas of grain are being cut for hay.
The fruit and vegetable crops are
considered fair. One of the favorable
conditions is the cool temperature at
night and this is given as the reason
for healthful growth and reason-
ably good prospects for good yields.

SIX CONVICTS ESCAPE
Prisoners Pursued as Far as Silverton
and Then Trail Is Lost

Salem, August 2.—Six convicts es-
caped from the flax camp of the pen-
itentiary five miles northeast of Sa-
lem some time last night. They were
trusties and their disappearance was
not discovered until this morning.
The convicts were traced to Silverton.
The fugitives are C. G. Griffin of
Malheur, charged with larceny; C. B.
Jones and John Smith of Hood River,
charged with burglary; Eddie Bell of
Multnomah, who is serving a term
for larceny; H. G. Lindsey of Lake
county who was in for larceny and
Elmer Barnard of Malheur who was
serving a term for assault.

ESTATE HAS MANY HEIRS.
E. P. McCormack Leaves Property in
Four Counties.

Salem, Or. Aug. 1.—Eugene P. Mc-
Cormack, of Salem, who died here sud-
denly last Friday, left an estate val-
ued at \$800,000, according to the will
which was admitted to probate here
today. Percy M. Collier is named as
executor of the estate and E. M. La-
fore, Dr. W. H. Byrd and H. B. Thiel-
sen, of this city, are appointed ap-
praisers.

The estate consists of real and per-
sonal property in Marion, Clackamas,
Klamath and Gilliam counties. A
large part of the real property is said
to be timber land in Klamath county.
The will bequeaths \$10,000 each to
Herbert F. McCormack, Eugene, a
brother, and Mrs. Helen I. Stevenson,
Eugene; Mrs. Janet M. Collier, Eu-
gene; Mrs. Agnes Geary, Portland, and
Miss Mary McCormack, Eugene, sis-
ters. To R. J. K. McCormack, of
Spokane, a brother, is left \$10,000 in
trust. The interest is to be used for
the maintenance of a sister, Mrs.
Leathe M. Wells, of Salem, and to re-
vert to Mr. McCormack at the death
of Mrs. Wells.

The sum of \$2500 is bequeathed to
each of the following nephews: Roy
and Alexander McCormack, of Alameda,
Cal.; Wm. McCormack, Wallace, Ida.;
Harold Wells, San Francisco; Frank
Wells, Eugene, and Herbert
Wells, Florence, Or. One thousand
dollars each and a life estate in val-
uable Salem property is bequeathed
to Adelbert Moody, Chicago; Drusilla
Moody West, Portland; Zenas Moody,
Eugene, and Edith Moody, Ashland,
nephews and nieces of Mr. McCormack's
wife, deceased. The remainder
of the estate is divided equally be-
tween 26 nephews and nieces of Mr.
McCormack.

MOUNT TAMALPAIS AFIRE. Flames Cover Wide Area of Eminence Near San Francisco.

Sausalito, Cal., July 31.—Mount
Tamalpais is afire.
Flames are raging over a widening
area a quarter of a mile above West
Point, on the western slope of the
mountain, spreading fast in the direc-
tion of the Rock Springs trail.

Mill valley, determined to exert
every effort to prevent a recurrence
of the disastrous fire of August, 1913,
rushed 100 fire fighters to the scene
on a special train, reaching West
Point shortly before 1 o'clock.

The blaze jumped one of the wide
fire trails which had been cut above
West Point as a precaution against
dangerous fires.

At San Rafael a dense column of
smoke rising from the mountain side
is visible.

The flames can be seen clearly from
the Tamalpais tavern.

This is the first serious fire on the
mountain since the blaze three years
ago, which swept the entire slope,
menacing Mill valley and surrounding
towns.

RESIGNATIONS ARE RECEIVED

TWO MORE TEACHERS NOTIFY
SCHOOL BOARD.

Mr. McEachran, of Manual Arts, and
Miss Spencer, of Grades.

Two other teachers engaged for the
coming school year have presented
their resignations to the school board.
These with former resignations
brings the total up to four who have
asked to be relieved from their en-
gagements.

E. A. McEachran, head of the man-
ual arts department, has sent in his
resignation by letter. It is under-
stood that the cause of his resignation
is that he has an offer of a position
with a higher salary in the state of
Washington. Mr. McEachran has
been at the head of the manual arts
department of the La Grande high
school for a number of years, in fact
almost since that department was es-
tablished in the La Grande schools.

The other resignation is from Miss
Jeanette Spencer, who is a grade
teacher. Miss Spencer came to La
Grande from Colorado last year and
will therefore conclude her work here
after one year's engagement.

Previous to these resignations
there was received by the board the
resignations of Miss Edwards, of the
domestic science and art department,
and Miss Mason, a grade teacher,
making four the total number of
resignations so far.

STRIKE HAS BEEN DELAYED

THREATS OF RAILROAD MEN TO
STRIKE CAUSE ALARM

Further Negotiations for Peace Will
Begin on August 8th

Washington, August 2.—The ex-
ecutive board of the Railway Brother-
hoods today threatened a nationwide
strike of four hundred thousand
train employees.

It was agreed by the railroad peo-
ple to resume a peace conference in
New York on August 8th at which time
further discussion of the differ-
ent sides of the question will be taken
up.

Rangers Use Portable Telephone.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 2.—A port-
able telephone that weighs only two
and a half pounds is part of the
equipment of every forest ranger in
the Spokane country this year. The
field set was invented by R. B. Adams
of Missoula, Mont., forest officer, and
replaces a set that weighs 10 pounds.
The new instrument, with a few feet
of wire, can be carried easily by the
ranger, and makes it possible for him
to get in touch instantly with a super-
visor or district ranger over many
miles of forest service wires through-
out the national forests. To talk over
the lines the ranger merely throws his
emergency wire over the telephone
line and connects the two ends with
the portable instrument, and the in-
strument is then connected with the
ground wire, the end of which must
be thrust in damp earth or water. In-
stead of ringing a bell in the receiv-
ing station, the connection causes a
screaming sound from a small mega-
phone shaped apparatus known as the
"Howler." The portable telephones
are valuable in all emergencies, es-
pecially in reporting fires.

DEUTSCHLAND SAILS ON TOP

Norfolk, Aug. 2.—The Deutschland,
German's submarine merchant boat
which claimed so much attention by
safely arriving in Baltimore and af-
ter unloading a cargo of dyes and
loading one of nickel and rubber put
to sea yesterday afternoon, was
sighted this morning at 6 o'clock off
Tangier island 50 miles above Cape
Charles.

At noon the submarine was report-
ed 15 miles below Tangier near-
ing Cape Charles. Crowds lined the wa-
ter front awaiting a glimpse of the
craft that is the center of attraction
of the many battleships of the Allies.

Veteran Engineer Is Buried.

Pendleton, Aug. 1.—Mr. and Mrs.
A. F. May have returned from Spo-
kane where they attended the funeral
of Mrs. May's brother-in-law, B. C.
Secord, veteran Northern Pacific en-
gineer, who died in that city last
week. Mr. Secord had a number of
friends in this city and was well
known in the railroad world of the
northwest.

He was the oldest engineer in point
of service on the Idaho division of the
N. P., and had the reputation of being
the most efficient and the safest en-
gineer on the division. He was in the
service for 34 years and made a rec-
ord to which his friends pointed with
pride. He was never in a wreck of
consequence and but one death oc-
curred beneath the wheels of his en-
gine, that of a drunken Indian who
has fallen asleep on a curve.

Baker's Curfew Law.

Baker, Aug. 2.—Numerous com-
plaints have reached the city hall re-
cently from parents because the cur-

few has not been sounded for the past
few weeks. They have complained to
Mayor Palmer that children have
failed to obey the ordinance since the
signal has not been given. "The fact
that the curfew has not rung makes
no difference in the workings of the
ordinance and children should follow
the 9 o'clock rule the same as hereto-
fore. The old bell is cracked and we
have not thought advisable to ring it
and to use the new fire alarm would
cause unnecessary confusion. The of-
ficers will be told to watch the situa-
tion carefully to keep children off the
streets after hours and they will not
be allowed to take advantage of the
situation."

Baker Moose to Have "Bout"

Vic Berger, the boxing expert, left
today noon for Baker where he will
go into training for a "go" with Joe
Bonds, the Tacoma heavyweight. The
forthcoming boxing contest is being
promoted by the Baker Moose lodge
and it will take place in Baker, Fri-
day evening.

SALEMITE LOSES IN SWINDLE.

Old Tin Box Trick Worked on Man of
the Capital City.

Salem, Aug. 2.—Swindlers stole
\$950 from Gus Demas, a barber of
this city, last night. The savings
were of a lifetime and the old tin box
trick was worked on Gus. The trick-
sters made Demas surrender his
money "as a guarantee of good faith"
and they handed him a box supposed
to contain \$1200, an inheritance. It
was found that the box contained
comic supplements of Portland news-
papers.

WILSON AGAINST WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Washington, August 2.—President
Wilson today refused to follow the
lead of Judge Hughes who led off
yesterday declaring himself to be fa-
vorable to woman suffrage.

When pressed for a reply to the
women's question the President au-
thorized the White House announce-
ment to the effect that his attitude
is unchanged.

In the woman suffrage states, and
in several other states where the

fight promises to be a warm one this
is taken as final, and the existing be-
lief that the President is opposed to
woman suffrage is given fresh
ground upon which to stand.

Yesterday when Hughes was asked
where he stood on the national ques-
tion he immediately wired back that
he was in favor of putting up the
constitutional amendment and ratify-
ing it.

MR. HUGHES' TRIP WEST

Nominee Will Give Four Days to the
Pacific Northwest

New York, Aug. 1.—The itinerary
of the trip that Charles E. Hughes
will make to the Pacific coast was
officially announced today as follows:
Leave New York Saturday evening
August 5; spend Sunday at Niagara
Falls; leave there Monday, August 7
for Detroit, where there will be two
evening meetings.

Leave Detroit Tuesday morning
August 8, for Chicago, where there
will be an evening meeting. Leave
Chicago that night for St. Paul and
Minneapolis, where two evening meet-
ings will be held Wednesday, Aug-
ust 9.

On Thursday, August 10, a morn-
ing meeting will be held at Grand
Forks, N. D., and a night meeting at
Fargo, N. D. On Friday, August 11,
the entire day will be spent in transit
to Helena, Mont., where a day meet-
ing will be held on Saturday, August
12.

Portland Date Is August 16
Sunday, August 13, will be spent at
Spokane, Wash., and on Monday
morning, August 14, an automobile
trip will be taken into Idaho, where
a morning address will be made at
Coeur d'Alene. An evening meeting
will be held at Spokane, with the de-
parture at night for Tacoma and Se-
attle. A day meeting will be held on
Tuesday, August 15, at Tacoma, and
an evening meeting at Seattle. Wed-
nesday, August 16, an evening meet-
ing will be held at Portland, and in
the early morning, August 17, depart-
ure will be made for San Francisco,
where an evening meeting will be held
on August 18. The following day,
Saturday, August 19, will be spent
in San Francisco, and early that even-
ing departure will be made for Los

Angeles, arriving there early Sunday
morning, August 20. The entire day
of Sunday will be spent at Los An-
geles, and an evening meeting will
be held in Los Angeles Monday, Aug-
ust 21.

Departure will then be made for
Reno, Nev., where an evening meeting
will be held Wednesday, August 23.
On August 24, a day meeting will be
held at Ogden, Utah, and an evening
meeting will be held at Salt Lake
City. A night meeting will be held
Friday, August 25, at Cheyenne; on
Saturday, August 26, an evening
meeting will be held in Denver.

Vacation to Be in Colorado
From Sunday, August 27, to Friday
September 1, a vacation period will be
had in Estes Park, Colo.

On the evening of September 1 de-
parture will be made for Denver,
where a few hours will be spent, and
on Saturday, September 2, there will
be a brief talk at Topeka, Kan., for
one hour in the afternoon, and an
evening meeting in Kansas City, Mo.
An evening meeting will be held in St.
Louis Monday, September 4, and de-
parture will then be made for Lex-
ington, Ky., where an afternoon meet-
ing will be held September 5. Wed-
nesday and Thursday, September 6
and 7, will be in transit to Maine,
where arrival will be made in Port-
land about noon September 7. The
trip provides for rest on Sundays in-
stead of traveling. With only one or
two exceptions, to make connections,
the trip will be made by regular
trains.

Canada Fire Spreading

Winnipeg, August 2.—Fires are
spreading in Fort Rouge factory dis-
trict. The Winnipeg Paint and Glass
company, a six story building, has
already been destroyed with a loss
of \$300,000.

NO MEXICANS VENTURED ACROSS

El Paso, Aug. 2.—Captain William
Kelly told General Bell today the re-
port that Mexicans had entered
Texas near Findlay was groundless.
Militia officers at Fort Hancock
flushed Bell the report last night.
Kelly was put in command of a de-
tachment of troops and rushed from
Fort Bliss to fight the supposed raid-
ers but found no signs of the bandits.

Would Break with Britain.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Representa-
tive Gallivan of Massachusetts,
moved in the house of representa-
tives today that this nation should
break off diplomatic relations with
Great Britain because the British
have refused to admit Thomas Kelly
and Joseph Smith carrying Irish re-
lief funds.

HELP IS SCARCE. Hands for Mill Work at \$3 Per Day Not Numerous.

It is evident that there is a scarcity
of men for general work. The appar-
ent reason is that all are employed.
Yesterday a representative from one
of the lumbering concerns of Wal-
lowa county was endeavoring to hire
men—he wanted as many as ten if he
could get them. Three dollars per
day was the wages offered but the re-
quired number of men was not found.

At the police station it is reported
that there are frequent inquiries for
laboring men but the demand just at
the present season cannot be fully
supplied.

To Prepare School Boys for War.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—A coast to coast
roundup of high schools for the pur-
pose of installing rifle clubs was the
plan announced by officials of the
American Rifle association here today.
Before taking up the work of teach-
ing high school boys to shoot, effort
will be made to organize clubs in all
prep schools, colleges and universities
not yet represented in the association.

WILL RECRUIT AT LA GRANDE

CAPT. CLARK ORDERED HERE
FROM ONTARIO.

La Grande Will Be the Recruiting
Point for Considerable Time.

Word is received that Captain Lee
M. Clark, recruiting officer for the
Oregon national guard, who returned
from Prairie City yesterday afternoon,
has received orders from the acting
adjutant general of Oregon to pro-
ceed to La Grande after spending
three days at Ontario, to open a re-
cruiting office and continue the same
until further notified. In consequence
La Grande will be recruiting head-
quarters for the national guard for
some time.

Captain Clark enrolled no recruits
at Prairie City, but found a number
of young men interested in national
guard service and developed what he
considers some likely prospects as the
result of his stay in Grant county.

Captain Clark, accompanied by
Sergeant Wickham went to Ontario
yesterday to remain three days.

They Too, Would Grab Villa

Mexico City, August 2.—General
Malcotte arrived here today to con-
fer with Oregon for the laying of
plans to capture Villa. Malcotte an-
nounced his intentions to capture Vil-
la "at all costs." He declares the
state of Durango is completely paci-
fied.

WILSON GOES ON RECORD

WOULD HAVE RESOLUTION
SENT TO GREAT BRITAIN

Means That Uncle Sam Goes to the
Front For Casement

Washington, August 2.—President
Wilson has directed the state depart-
ment to forward immediately a con-
gressional resolution asking that the
British extend clemency to the Irish
political prisoners. This means that
the government formally asks Great
Britain to spare Casement.

Casement Must Hang

London, August 2.—It is definitely
announced here that Casement hangs
tomorrow morning. Gallows have
been erected at Pentonville prison.
Premier Asquith has acknowledged
receipt of a monster petition asking
for clemency.

In the United States this has been
one of the great international topics
and it was believed by many that
when the time came the President
would take a hand in the affair. Ac-
cording to the belief of many this of-
fers possible complications of great
import.

May Be Bomb Throwers.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—A grand
jury here has indicted W. Billings,
Thomas Mooney, Israel Weinberg and
Edward Nolan on a charge of murder
as the result of the recent bomb
throwing. There are also two secret
indictments.

The Dalles Has Federal Building.

Citizens of The Dalles met Friday
evening to celebrate the new \$100,000
postoffice building just completed.

JOHN BULL SOUNDS PEACE TONE TODAY

PREMIER ASQUITH ANNOUNCES
ENGLAND'S DEMAND

WOULD FORCE GERMANY
TO REPAIR DAMAGE DONE

Restoration of Belgium and Serbia
and the Repairing of the Devas-
tated Sections of France and Rus-
sia Are Set as Positive Demands
Before Peace Negotiations Can Be
Considered.

London, August 2.—Premier As-
quith announced in the Commons to-
day that Great Britain regards res-
toration of Belgium and Serbia, and
the repairing of the devastated por-
tions of France and Russia as essen-
tial to peace conditions.

London, August 2.—Commander
Haig reported today that the British
is slowly gaining around Pozieres.
Hand to hand fighting continues.
Haig said hand to hand fighting "in
close quarters between small detach-
ments."

Germans Repulse Attacks

Berlin, August 2.—Germans have
repulsed all Allied attacks in Fland-
ers, according to announcement made
here today, except the highway be-
tween Marcourt and Clerly, where the
Allies occupied completely demolished
German trenches.

Russian Wedge Advancing

Petrograd, August 2.—The Rus-
sian wedge separating the Austrian
and German armies is being advanced
rapidly. Unofficial dispatches term
the Russians captured Stojanof ter-
minus of the Lemberg railway. This
puts the Russians in control of all
four railway routes to Lemberg.

Another Steamer Sunk

London, August 2.—A German sub-
marine sank the Dutch steamer,
Zealand last night. The crew landed
at South Shields. It is said the sub-
marine captain boasted that he had
sunk five vessels before he sank the
Zealand.

London Bombed Again.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—(via Sayville)—
The Germans raided London on the
night of July 31st. Bombs were
dropped on coast works including bat-
teries and factories.

Many Horses at Baker.

Baker, Aug. 2.—Horses from many
outside points are arriving nearly
every day at the fair ground track,
and are being trained here for the
opening of the Intermountain fair and
racing circuit. The harness horses
are worked out each forenoon and the
track presents a lively scene to the
numerous interested parties who visit
the grounds. The track is in good
shape and the various trainers are
whipping their strings into good con-
dition to start the season.

Blackwell and Hendrickson, Cali-
fornia stable owners, are expected in
within a day or two, as are Golden
and Bush of Walla Walla.

Indian Sessions On.

The annual summer institute for
the workers of the United States In-
dian Service opened with a larger
number in attendance than usual. The
work of the first week will be devoted
largely to the study of agricultural
subjects and for that purpose there
will be several instructors from the
Oregon Agricultural college.

Judge Will Decide Tomorrow

The Girdler divorce case was
finished today and tomorrow at nine
o'clock Judge Knowles will render his
decision, according to announcement
of the court this afternoon.