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BUSINESS IDLE A SECOND TIME FOR THE RACES

MERCHANTS HIE AWAY TO THE
RACE TRACK THIS AFTER
NOON AT EARLY HOUR.

CONTESTS YESTERDAY WERE CLOSE AND HARD-FOUGHT

Imbler Entry Shows Up Strong—Hal
B. Has Three of His Get in the
Entries Yesterday Afternoon and
Each Does Nicely—Eight Start in
2:30 Pace But Six Finish.

May Davis, a Caldwell chestnut
mare owned by Bud Davis, won the
first heat of the 2:10 pace this after-
noon in the good time of 2:10 3-4ths.
Emmaline Dillon was second, Delmas
third, Josie Knight sixth, Van Syckle
seventh.

The attendance today is consider-
ably better than yesterday.

The first heat of the 2:24 trot this
afternoon went to Amy McKinney,
with Al Mc K. second, Song Sparrow
third, Golden State fourth, and Marie
Fitzsimmons fifth. Time 2:21.

Tomorrow afternoon sees the close
of the race meet now under way. Dis-
tribution of fast races has been such
that Saturday's program should be
probably the best, at least as good
as any, matinee of the week. Bad
weather yesterday held the crowd
down somewhat, but the closing mat-
inees are expected to pull the finan-
cial end out of the rut. Regardless
of that phase some elegant racing has
been and will be put before the audi-
ence this afternoon and tomorrow.

Stores Closed Again.
Once more merchants shut up shop
to attend the program, one and all.
At noon today business suspended
operations.

Oregon Hal—one of three gets
of the illustrious sire Hal B.—performed
nicely for the edification of the mat-
inee yesterday and took first laurels
in the 2:18 pace by a whirlwind finish
from a poor third in the first heat to
two successive victories at the last.
VeVo Hal, the second of the Hal B.
performers, was a determined mare
but the best she could do was to
make second place for her lord and
driver, A. P. Kenney of North Yaki-
ma. It was really the VeVo Hal
stunts that attracted to the race. This
came in the second heat with the lit-
tle brown mare making a most gallant
finish. Sonoma Maid, Hank McGold-
rick's animal from Imbler, was a local
favorite and justified pride placed
in her by placing second in the first
heat but seemed to have done her
best, as she slipped back a notch in
each successive race. The 2:18 pace
is spoken of here first only incidentally.
It was the 2:30 pace that
not only saw the best time set but
brought out the biggest entry list.
From the original eight the nags
were reduced to seven when Magnita
was distanced in the first heat and to
six when Royal Express was drawn in
the third heat after a rather poor
showing. Potreress, a chestnut mare
brought here from Santa Rosa, Cal.,
took the race by a first, second, first
performance. Fern Lad, a Havre,
Mont., entry, slipped from fifth in the
first to first in the second, and her
feat was a splendid one. The animal
is game to the core and gave Potrer-
ess a terrific brush, that animal sat-
isfying herself with second place in
the second heat. This was probably
the most brilliant heat of the 2:30
event. It looked for a time as if
Hank McGoldrick would have another
entry well up in the money when his
Tempest, a bay gelding, took fourth
in the first but, he slipped back to
fifth place thereafter.

The races got away faster than the
day before, and there was no one
horse standing out superior to the
field as The Corsair did the day pre-
vious. Each heat was snatched about a
great deal yesterday, adding lustre to
the attraction and developing winners
from previous tailenders. Frequently
animals that finished far back in one
heat would forge to the front with a
grand display of grit and form in the
next.

The running races were on the hold
fast and if Black Sam and Lucky B
had been any closer than they were at
the wire it would have been a dead
heat. It was as near that as it could
be and be decisive.

The Summary:
2:30 pace; purse \$400; every heat
a race—

Potreress, ch. m. Potrero Boy
(Stuart) 1 2 1
Fern Lad Inferrio (McLain) 5 1 3
Daisy D., br. m. Hal B. (Ken-
ney) 2 3 4

Tempest b. g. Exerus (Stein-
man) 4 5 5
Bob Fitzsimmons Jr. Bob Fitz-
simmons (Denis) 7 6 2
Jim Donnelly b. g. Lijero
(Hendrickson) 3 4 6
Royal Express ch. g. Royal
Regent (Marshall) 6 8 d
Magnita distanced first heat.
Time, 2:13 1-4, 2:12 1-4, 2:15 3-4ths
2:18 pace; purse \$400—
Oregon Hal b. s. Hal B. (Den-
nis) 3 1 1
VeVo Hal br. m. Hal B. (Ken-
ney) 1 2 2
Sonoma Maid b. m. Major Bu-
ford (Steinman) 2 3 4
Sir Archibald blk. s. Ashbud
(McKay) 4 4 3
Time, 2:13 1-2, 2:13 1-4, 2:15 1-2.
3-8ths mile dash; purse \$100—
Black Sam first, Lucky B second, Os-
tentatious third, Black Snake
fourth.

NO CHANGES ALONG BORDER

PUNITIVE FORCES TOO WILL
AWAIT REPORT.

Until New London Conference Re-
ports, Nothing Will Be Done.

Washington, Sept. 8.—High author-
ity has stated American forces will re-
main in Mexico and militia will re-
main at the border, until the Mexican-
American New London conference
makes its reports.

While the American-Mexican com-
mission did not meet yesterday, the
American members made real pro-
gress toward fuller understanding of
the task before them. They spent
several hours studying data on bor-
der and the Mexican affairs. Com-
missioner Lane said the American
commissioners found many hopeful
suggestions, and said Mexican condi-
tions appear to be on the mend. Of-
ficial reports bear out this view.

RACE SIDELIGHTS.

Late in the afternoon yesterday a
particularly brisk gust of wind caught
a cloth sign on the South end of the
grand stand and whipped it into an awful
rumpus. Flying papers, dust and
raindrops played havoc for a few min-
utes.

Warren Dennis and Driver Kenny
were on the carpet before the judges
at the close of an interesting heat
when Dennis' horse shied into the
Kenny "hoss." While Kenny didn't
accuse Dennis of doing it willfully, he
demanded judgment nevertheless. The
judges left it stand as it was.

Twenty Y. M. C. A. boys under di-
rection of Secretary King trotted in
on the track and pulled a very inter-
esting relay race. Another race or
two was run during the afternoon.
The afternoon would not be complete
without King's bunch of youngsters
showing up somehow.

When the special train back to
Wallowa county was cancelled, there
was general satisfaction on the part
of the visitors who wanted to stay
over anyway.

This afternoon a "cute" stunt was
pulled by the Elks' band to advertise
the races. Loaded in three automob-
iles, running side by side, the band
was hauled about the streets at
rather a fast clip keeping the tempo
of the music up to the purr of the
engines.

IMBLER SCHOOLS OPEN.

Total of 120 Report First Day—Thir-
ty of These in High School.

Imbler, Sept. 7.—(Special)—School
in District No. 11 began Monday with
an enrollment of 120, of which num-
ber 30 registered in high school de-
partment.

Walter Stringham is enjoying a two
weeks' release from his general mer-
chandise store. He left Tuesday for
Manti, Utah.

Miss Nellie Lloyd has gone to Sher-
man county to take up her teaching
work and her sister Bernice left for
Monmouth Thursday evening, to finish
her normal course.

Lyman Weeks, a dairyman living
just south of Imbler, is in the La
Grande hospital recovering from an
operation. At latest report his
speedy recovery is predicted.

Walter Moore is here from Oregon
City visiting with his brother Dr. C.
S. Moore.

C. L. and Mrs. Squire, W. V. Con-
nor, Mr. and Mrs. H. McGoldrick and
Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bingham were
La Grande visitors Monday.

The Social Aid meeting scheduled
for Sept. 14 will be held at the home
of Miss Lucy Wade.

The Misses Ina, Minnie and Eula
Watkins were visitors from Alice
Wednesday and Thursday.

E. E. Hurley will leave for Seattle
in a few days to take up special mu-
sic in the University of Washington.

Railroad to the North Pole.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 8.—Rails
will be laid the last of this month to
a point near Kettle Rapids, as an ex-
tension to the Hudson Bay Railroad,
the closest line in the world to the
North Pole. The road is now 300 or
more miles north of the Pass. It will
run as far north as weather permits.

FRENCH GAIN AT NUMEROUS VITAL POINTS

NIGHT REPORTED ESPECIALLY
FRUITFUL TO ALLIED
ARMIES IN FRANCE.

IN THE EAST FOES ARE GIVING AND TAKING

Berlin Herself Admits Losses of
Trenches in France, While Claiming
Repulse of Strong Russian and Rou-
manian Attacks North of Dobric—
Roumanians Busy.

London, Sept. 8.—The Ellerman
liner Tagus has sunk; the British
steamer Hazelwood has sunk off Yar-
mouth and the steamer Strathay is
reported sunk.

Thirty-four survivors landed in the
first boat and others arrived later.

French Have Big Night.

Paris, Sept. 8.—French repulsed
four dense formations attacks south of
Somme between Verdunvillers and
Chaulness and captured 200. Ger-
mans suffered heavily in assaulting
new French positions between Berny
and Chaulness.

French progressed at the Verdun
front last night and defeated a Ger-
man attack at Vaux Chaptre.

Sofia, Sept. 8.—It is announced
Bulgarians and Germans have occu-
pied three Roumanian towns and it is
admitted Roumanians have seized the
Hungarian town of Orsovo. Teutons
are shelling the Turnu Severin rail-
way station.

Bulgarians have captured Cavarna
a seacoast city.

The Berlin Version.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—Germans have re-
pulsed strong Russian and Roumanian
attacks north of Dobric. It is ad-
mitted French have captured trench
sections west of Berny, northeast
of Souville and on the Verdun front.

English Claims Brief.

London, Sept. 8.—General Haig
has reported heavy artillery fire
southeast of Ghinhy. The British
raided the trenches at Richebourg-La-
Voue, grenading many Germans.

50,000 FISH PUT INTO STREAMS

Fifty thousand two hundred and
sixty fish fry of various species were
planted in Grande Ronde valley
streams today by members of the
Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club when a
carload of fish conveyed by The Rain-
bow, reached La Grande this morning.

Sportsmen hauled the cans to Cath-
erine, Ladd, Willow and a half dozen
other important fish streams.

The classification of the fish is as
follows:

Steel heads, 85 cans 25,500
Large Eastern Brook, 30 cans 360
Small Eastern Brook, 30 cans 6,000
Rainbow, 28 cans 8,400

Total 50,260

On exhibition in The Rainbow, the
fish department car, is a specimen of
the steel head species, three years old.
If only a small percent of those
planted today survive and grow to
such size as this particular fish has,
there will be fishing galore in three
years' time wherever the steel heads
were placed today. They arrived in
fine condition.

JITNEY DRIVERS VAGUELY IDENTIFY BENNETT THOMPSON

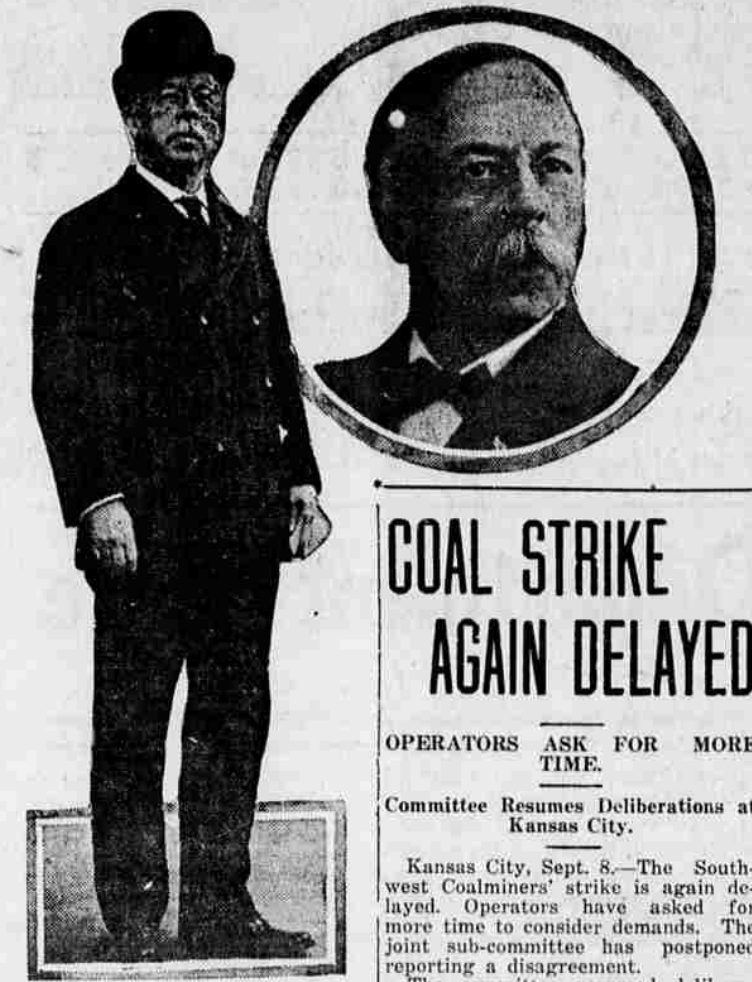
Hillsboro, Sept. 8.—Jitney drivers
testified today that Bennett Thomp-
son "resembled" a man seen talking
to Fred Ristman of Portland, the
night before Mrs. Helen Jennings and
Ristman were murdered at the Gore
ranch.

Witnesses were unable to positively
identify Thompson.

The prisoner is cool and collected.

The blood spattered jitney bus has
been placed in the courthouse yard for
the jury's inspection.

TWO POSES OF OREGON SENATOR WHOSE HALIBUT AND SAL-
MON AMENDMENT HAS STIRRED UP INTERNATIONAL FUSS.



Geo. E. Chamberlain.

BAND PICNIC OFF.

Sister Organizations Not Able to At-
tend Proposed Picnic.

Finding that the coming Sunday is
a rather unpropitious day to conduct
the county band picnic at Riverside
park, the proposed event has been
called off for the present.

School Opens Monday.

Enterprise, Sept. 7.—School opens
in Enterprise next Monday, Sept. 11.
On the same day the Wallowa school
starts its year, but in Joseph the be-
ginning was made this week.

German Service Postponed.

The German service which was to
have been held at the German church
Sunday afternoon has been postponed
until the following Sunday at 2:30
p. m.

Trail of Robbers in School House.

The trail of the robbers who last
week shot Alfred Minnick in the
Evans store and postoffice has been
found a few miles down the valley,
said the Enterprise Chieftain yester-
day. Several boys have been detained
and interrogated and Sheriff Marvin
has been progressing quietly into the
secrets of the case, but no information
has developed sufficient to warrant an
arrest.

Mr. Minnick continues to improve
and his recovery is confidently ex-
pected. The bullet, it seems, did not
cut through his ribs, but traveled just
under the skin, around his body.

It was in an unlooked for place
that the unmistakable trail of the
robbers was found. Cassie A. Bell,
teacher of the Lone Pine school, dis-
trict 40, went to the school house with
a pupil to get the building in order for
the new term. Last spring an iron
dictionary stand had been put up in a
small loft for safe keeping, and a boy
climbed there after it.

He found the place had been oc-
cupied recently. Many small articles
of new merchandise were scattered
around, wearing apparel and tobacco
included in the lot. These were iden-
tified as articles taken from the Co-op-
erative store at Evans. A short piece
of fuse such as is used in blasting also
was found, which could have been
picked up at many places where road
work has been done.

There are two woodpecker holes
through the front wall, giving a view
down the road leading to the school
house. Indications were that the per-
sons who had hidden in the loft had
sat by these holes, so that they could
see any one coming along the road.

The school house is north of the river
and about halfway between Lostine
and Wallowa.

Many Vehicles Go Over Mountains.

During the month of August 2313
vehicles passed over the Siskiyou
mountains on the Pacific highway in
Jackson county, an average of 74 per
day.

Few Criminals in Umatilla County.

Not in many years has the criminal
docket in the circuit court for Uma-
tilla county been as light as at pres-
ent. There are but four men in jail
under criminal charges.

CONGRESS HAS RESTED; LOBBY CHARGE FILED

INTERNATIONAL EPISODE DE-
VELOPES THE HOUR AD-
JOURNMENT IS TAKEN.

COMMISSION TO ASCERTAIN TRUTH OF FISH LOBBYING

Sir Joseph Polk and Other Canadians
Accused of Having Brought Un-
due Influence to Bear in Congress
Against Halibut and Salmon
Amendments to Revenue Bill.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Before con-
gress adjourned at 10 o'clock this
morning, the senate lobby commission
was instructed to investigate the al-
leged lobbying by Canadians against
the Chamberlain amendment to the
revenue bill. Specific charges were
made by the Oregon senator just be-
fore adjournment.

The commission will take up
Chamberlain's charge that Sir Joseph
Polk and other Canadian officials
lobbied against the amendment which
prohibited importation of Canadian
halibut and salmon.

Senator Curtis moved a resolution
ordering an investigation. It passed.
The Oregon senator called the elim-
ination of his amendment "humiliat-
ing and disgraceful surrender by the
United States to Canada in the inter-
ests of Canadian commerce."

Adjournment Hilarious.

For two hours the morning session
was devoted to unimportant speeches
and considerable hilarity. At 9:55
Senators Kerns and Smoot entered
the chamber and announced the Presi-
dent's approval of adjournment.
House Leader Kitchin and representa-
tives Fitzgerald and Mann carried the
same message to the House. Speaker
Clark banged his gavel and announced
adjournment, amid cheers.

Important Bills Signed.

Wilson signed the revenue bill to-
day and said: "It's been good work."
He also signed the Workman's
Compensation act and the Widows'
pension law. He issued a formal
statement praising congress at the
session which has just closed.

President Wilson left Washington
this afternoon enroute for Atlantic
City where he addresses the suffrage
convention tonight.

NEW DISTRICT DISCUSSED.

Clover Creek School Districts Re-ar-
ranging Territories.

At yesterday's hearing before the
school boundary board consisting of
the county judge, the commissioners
and the county school superintendent,
representatives from several school
districts in the Clover creek neighbor-
hood were present at an exhaustive
survey of the proposed school district
which is to be made up of sections of
several districts, if created at all.
Final judgment in the matter was not
passed as the question will come up at
the next session of the court.

There is no particular objection to
the new district, but the precise
boundaries are not to be created until
careful study of best interests of all
is made.

BUILDING ADDITION.

La Grande Grocery Company Will
Have Additional Trackage.

Construction under the direction of
G. H. Rush began yesterday on an ad-
dition to the Oregon Grocery com-
pany wholesale house. When the
company opened up in business in La
Grande a few years ago they built a
new brick warehouse but have found
it inadequate to their business and
are now putting additional room in
the form of a room of 62 1-2 feet
frontage.

The addition will give the firm an
additional 7000 square feet of floor
space.

"We are advised that this is the
biggest grocery wholesale trackage in
Eastern Oregon, and probably in the
state outside of Portland," declared
Manager Emahizer today in speaking
of the addition.

Roseburg Woman Fined.

Mrs. Lucy Davidson, of North
Roseburg, was found guilty of using
profane and abusive language toward
L. L. Mathews, a neighbor, and was
fined \$3.50, and costs by Recorder
Whipple.

Will Bond for Railroad.

Klamath Falls is preparing to vote
on a \$300,000 bond issue for the Ore-
gon-California and Eastern railroad
and it is a foregone conclusion that
the bond election will favor the issue
by a large majority.