

## FIRST CASE OF FINING PROFITEER

NEW YORK STATE GROCER IS  
FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOL-  
LARS FOR OFFENSE.

## RESULTS OF NEW POLICY ARE APPARENT EARLY

Grocer Sold Sugar at 15 Cents a  
Pound—Large Stocks of Food  
Hoarded in Warehouses and Cold  
Storage Plants in Southern City Are  
Seized in Government Raid.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The first federal conviction for profiteering to be secured is reported today from Binghamton, New York, where a retail grocer was fined five hundred dollars for selling sugar at fifteen cents a pound, three cents above the maximum price allowed by the federal price-fixing committee.

In a raid on wholesale food warehouses and cold storage plants at Jacksonville, Florida, conducted by federal officials, over a million eggs, a hundred thousand tins of canned food and large quantities of sugar were seized.

## Round-Up City Gets Ready For Visit of Big Crowd of Astoria Euthusiasts

PENDLETON, ORE., Aug. 13.—Hours for real pep are going to be at stake next month when 150 members of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce invade Pendleton for a three day stay. The gentlemen from the city that is 108 years old chose September 18, 19 and 20 for their call. It is so happens that they will arrive just in time to see the tenth annual Roundup.

The world's champion salmon roper is expected to accompany the fish magnates from the Columbia's mouth. They are also figuring on entering a humpback salmon in the brook contest and are looking for anybody who can ride him. Just as an example of what rough riders the Astorians are, they will come all the way in specially upholstered standard sleepers, five of them, and will bring their own dining car. As part of their entertainment they will hit in a body a block of seats for three days and watch the world's champions in action.

## New Directors of Local Y. M. C. A. to Be Elected at Meeting This Evening

The annual meeting of the La Grande Young Men's Christian Association will be held tonight, Wednesday, August 13th, at 8:00 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building. All members of the senior men's division over 18 years of age are entitled to a vote in the annual election of directors which is to be held at this meeting. Six members of the Board of Directors are to be elected and the following gentlemen have been placed in nomination by the committee on nominations: Fred J. Holmes, G. L. Lawson, E. D. Crowe, A. T. Hill, L. L. McKannon and Bruce Deans.

## Prospector Believes Race of Dwarfs Lies Buried Deep In Mesa

(By Associated Press, to The Observer)  
PRESCOTT, ARIZ., Aug. 13.—That the Squaw Creek mesa, 15 miles east of Grand Canyon, was the burial ground of an ancient tribe of dwarfs, is the opinion of H. L. Loomis, prospector, who says he recently uncovered portions of nine skeletons there.  
In the old graves the prospector found a cup full of turquoise and small pieces of ancient pottery, some of which have been sent to the University of Arizona and the remainder to the Smithsonian Institute.  
All the bones were those of a diminutive race, Loomis said.

THE WEATHER.  
Oregon: Fair and cool tonight in east portion; warmer Thursday; southwest portion, with gentle westerly winds.

## Baker's Paved Streets Failing to Make Good; City Must Repair Them

As time passes the paved streets of Baker in many places show a deplorable lack of durability, and if they are to be saved from utter ruin they must be replaced now, and this the street department in undertaking by flush coating.  
Especially is this the case on First street from Church to Campbell streets, three blocks, and in other sections of the paved districts.  
As a matter of fact, the bitulith on First street is about the only place where the paving shows permanency.  
The street department is now at work repairing the defective blocks, and the work will well into the fall before completion.—Baker Democrat.

## FIGHTING OVER LABOR CONTROL

SITUATION IN WINNIPEG IS BAD-  
LY MIXED UP.

Split in Labor Ranks and Talk of  
One Big Union is Laid to  
Alien Propaganda.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, Aug. 11.—A conflict is in progress here between union labor men over the question of whether the American Federation of Labor, the Dominion Labor Congress or One Big Union shall control labor organizations in Winnipeg. The struggle is the outcome of the general strike which took place here in May and June, involving labor and capital through out the Dominion.  
A short time ago the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council voted to join One Big Union by a vote said to be 8,841 to 705.  
As a result of this action, the Dominion Labor Congress cancelled the charter of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council and announced that an effort would be made to form a new council in Winnipeg to include the local organizations opposed to the Big Union plan. Among the organizations which rejected this idea of having One Big Union were the railroad brotherhoods and the American Federation of Labor.  
Some Canadian newspapers assert that the split in the labor ranks was precipitated by the alien element and say that the One Big Union organized at Calgary demanded that the government release all "political prisoners" interned during the war. Federal ministers have charged that a heavy percentage of the One Big Union membership was composed of aliens.  
Ernest Robinson, secretary of the Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council has announced that the Big Union will immediately supply charters to the local unions to take the place of those revoked by the American Federation of Labor. Winnipeg leaders supporting the One Big Union have organized to support the movement to organize similar unions in every city in the Dominion.

## DEATH OF JONES WAS ACCIDENTAL

FATALITY IN ELEVATOR RESULT  
OF CARELESSNESS.

Remains of Dead Youth Will Be In-  
terred at Union Thursday. Ser-  
vice Comrades Attending.

That "Earl Jones was killed at the Foley Hotel in the city of La Grande about 3:15 o'clock, the morning of Tuesday, August 12, 1919, and that his death was accidental and the result of his own carelessness in attempting to board a moving elevator operated by Frank Tuckey" was the verdict of the coroner's inquest over Jones' body yesterday. The hotel premises, where the fatal accident occurred, were visited and inspected and the witnesses heard by the jury, after which they absolved the youths who were with Jones from any blame for his death. Tuckey was said to be able to handle the elevator properly.  
The remains were taken to the home of his parents in Union yesterday and the funeral will be held at that place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is expected that there will be a large representation of the dead youth comrades in the funeral.  
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## STANLEY AGREES TO GO ON STAGE

OLD SCOUT TO ENTERTAIN  
CROWD FRIDAY NIGHT.

Well Known Character Will Open  
Program at Frøberg-Howard  
Wrestling Match.

Colonel King Stanley, well known plainman and western scout of the early days, is going to show La Grander's Friday night how he earned the money to pay the traveling expenses of his companion and himself on their trip across the continent from Los Angeles to the Atlantic coast and back again. The Colonel has already been letting out a little of his secret to the crowds that gather around him when he gets out on the street and starts to show a few of the tricks which are a large part of his stock in trade. The best of them, however, he is reserving until Friday night when he will feature the first part of the program at the wrestling bout in the Star theatre. Persons who wear whippers are advised to leave them at home, for the Colonel is fond of combing packs of cards out of the most luxuriant ones he can find, and ladies who wear loose fitting and decolette gowns should beware lest the Colonel locate a pair of rats or a live broiler in the apparel of one of them. He has been persuaded by John E. Anderson, who is handling the match and who is also entertaining the crowd while he is here, as the Max well representative, to take part in Friday night's program. The colonel is an expert thaumaturgist and card manipulator and will spring some surprises, as he depicts the method he used to earn funds for his extensive journey.  
The tickets for Friday night are selling rapidly, Mr. Anderson states. Fans evidently see the true signs of a genuine match in the meeting of Frøberg and Howard, the big wrestler, and also in the appearance of "Cyclone" Workman and Jim Noregard in the preliminary. Tickets in the house can be reserved by calling the Maxwell Service Station, and Bert Hughes is handling the ringside seat tickets at his cigar store.

## PLANE PATROL MAY BE LOST

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, Aug. 13.—Due to rumors that the airplane service on the Pacific coast is to be demobilized, Governor Olcott has written Governor Hart, of Washington, and Oregon senators to use their influence to prevent such action being taken. It is feared that this would end the airplane forest patrol.

## MURDERERS MAKE CLEAN GET-AWAY

CONVICTS FROM EASTERN ORE-  
GON ESCAPE FROM STATE  
HOSPITAL FLAX GANG

D. C. BRICHOUX, LIFER,  
AND E. B. SOUTHWICK OUT

Men had been Confined in State Hos-  
pital for Insane for Several Months  
and Were About to Be Returned  
to Pen.—Believed Automobile  
And Sister Aided Escape.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, Aug. 13.—D. C. Brichoux, a convict serving a life sentence for the murder of R. C. Goodwin, prominent stockman of Malheur county in 1916, and E. B. Southwick, who is serving terms for larceny of cattle and assault with intent to kill Charles Brown, of Wallawa county, last year, today made their escape from the state hospital flax gang. While being taken to a field near Turner they leaped from the automobile which was conveying them.  
It is believed that Brichoux's sister, who had been trying to secure his release, aided in the escape. An automobile is thought to have been waiting for them. Both criminals had been in the state hospital for the insane for several months but had recovered and were about to be sent back to the penitentiary.  
Dave Brichoux formerly ran the Savoy hotel in La Grande and later was a book-keeper in Baker.

## British Would Be Stupid To Relinquish Sea Power, Declares High Official

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, July 9.—  
"It would be crass stupidity on the  
part of the British people to re-  
linquish any sea power they possess,"  
recently declared Acting Naval Min-  
ister Poynton. "Situated as Britain  
is with all the trade routes converg-  
ing on one point—London—it is ab-  
solutely necessary that she should  
have sufficient ships in her fleet to  
keep those trade routes open."

## New Bank Aims to Foster Closer Trade Relationship Between Mexico and Spain

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MEXICO CITY, July 28.—A Spanish-Mexican bank with a subscribed capital of ten million pesos and headquarters in Mexico City is planned by members of the Spanish colony here. The purpose of the institution is to aid in the development of Mexican resources and to increase commercial activity between this country and Spain. Representatives of the bank will have offices in Havana, New York and several European cities.

## SMUT FIRES ARE HARD ON FARMER

TWENTY SEPARATORS BURNED  
IN WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

Explosion of Smut as Wheat is Put  
Through Machine Responsible—  
Insurance Very High.

WALLA WALLA, WASH. Aug. 13  
The Glenn Fopps machine used  
on the David Cox ranch was de-  
stroyed yesterday afternoon, half an  
hour before harvest would have been  
completed in the field. The setting of  
grain was threatened but was saved.

Charles Lusk, who farms in the  
Rule section lost his separator Sat-  
urday supposedly as a result of a  
smut explosion. The machine was  
entirely destroyed, the belt being  
the only part saved. Only the wheat  
which was on the table was burned.  
There was no insurance. Lusk  
is finishing his harvest with a head-  
er and combine, and will thresh the  
headed grain with a combine later.  
Two of his neighbors lost machin-  
es a few days before, the Rodick  
and Bennett machines being burned.  
Six separators were destroyed near  
Prescott, Saturday.  
Twenty or more separators have  
been destroyed in the county this  
year. Practically none of the owners  
carried insurance, as but few com-  
panies will write policies on the ma-  
chines and the rate when they do  
is \$12.50 a hundred.  
Much of the wheat is smutty this  
year and there is much static elec-  
tricity to contend with. A spark will  
explode the smut spores and the sepa-  
rators usually burn in a hurry.

## CATTLE THEFTS BECOME FEWER

PATROL OF MEXICAN LINE BY  
TROOPS EFFECTIVE.

Raids on American Ranches From  
Across the Border Prevented  
By New Precautions.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NOGALES, ARIZ., Aug. 13.—Un-  
ited States Infantry outposts at five-  
mile intervals along the Mexican  
border, in the Nogales sub-district  
have almost eliminated cattle steal-  
ing from the Mexican side, according  
to army officers here. Outposts are  
located on high points along the bor-  
der equipped with machine guns and  
Browning rifles. Between these out-  
posts negro infantrymen patrol the  
border. Mexican officials are cooper-  
ating with American army officers  
and have ordered all woodchopping  
camps to be removed five miles from  
the border to prevent their being  
used as a screen for smuggling and  
the Mexican officials have also prom-  
ised the return of any American  
cattle found on the Mexican side.

## GASOLINE SCARCEN IN HAWAII; DEMOCRATIC STREET CARS LOADED

HONOLULU, T. H., July 25. (By  
Mail)—Joy riding is under the ban  
in Honolulu and there will be no  
more frivolous motoring until the  
middle of August, when the arrival  
of a tank steamer from California  
is expected to end the gasoline fam-  
ine.

The gasoline supply here has be-  
come so low that those dealers who  
still have some in their storage tanks  
are selling only to those who require  
it for strictly business purposes.  
Multi-millionaire sugar barons and  
dock workers are now seat partners  
in the street cars and the rickety old  
one horse cabs of King Kalaua's  
reign have been resurrected for ser-  
vice.

## STORAGE STOCKS OF FOOD LARGER

AMOUNT OF FOODSTUFFS PUT  
AWAY INDICATED IN REPORT.

Comparison With Stocks of a Year  
Ago Show Butter Stores Doubl-  
ed and Other Stuff Greater.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—The federal  
bureau of markets on cold storage  
warehouses Tuesday showed gener-  
ally a large increase in stored foods on  
August 1 as compared with same  
date a year ago, nearly twice as much  
butter, 20 per cent more eggs and a  
considerable increase in meats were  
shown to be on hand.  
The majority of retailers Tuesday  
were selling sugar at 12 and 13 cents  
a pound, federal authorities having  
agreed on 12 cents as a fair price.  
Potatoes fell \$1 a 100 pounds at re-  
tail and peaches and melons dropped  
somewhat, while shipments were in-  
creased, but lower retail prices  
were not general.  
Many Complaints Reserved  
Scores of letters alleging profit-  
eering were received Tuesday at the  
federal district attorney office where  
preparations are making to prosecute  
hoarders and profiteers. All such in-  
formation is turned over to the bu-  
reau of investigation of the depart-  
ment of justice. The secret agents  
are ordered to have a report ready  
for the district attorney on cold stor-  
age warehouses by Saturday.  
That the big producers' associa-  
tions are operating in restraint of  
trade was charged by a commission  
merchant who declared men in his  
line actually were selling at a loss  
because the producers were demand-  
ing top prices.

## STRIKE TROUBLE IS IMPROVING

MANY SHOPMEN ARE RETURN-  
ING TO THEIR JOBS.

Radical Element Among Railway  
Employees Not Disposed to Give  
In and Fight Action.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Steady im-  
provement in the situation caused by  
the strike of railway shopmen was in-  
dicated in reports received Tuesday  
by officials from all parts of the  
country.  
Strikers Generally Return.  
Strikers were said to be returning  
to work in nearly every section af-  
fected with the exception of Chicago,  
Boston and Atlanta. In Illinois, In-  
diana and Wisconsin it was said more  
than 1,000 men returned to work  
Tuesday. The Chicago and North-  
western railroad announced the em-  
bargo on freight to Iowa points had  
been removed. There are still about  
23,000 shopmen out here, although  
about 600 returned to work Tuesday.  
One thousand one hundred and six-  
ty-two cars of livestock were received  
at the stockyards Tuesday which is  
75 more cars than were received on  
the corresponding date last year.  
Passenger traffic still is being op-  
erated under difficulties, many trains  
arriving several hours late.  
International Officials Active  
Officers of the international union  
who have been in Chicago a week  
working to induce the strikers to re-  
turn to work and defer their wage  
demands began a new drive Tuesday  
by addressing a mass meeting of bol-  
er makers.  
Leaders of the 600 unions re-  
iterated their statement that the tie  
was standing firm and would not  
return until all demands are grant-  
ed.

## W. SARCENT BOUGHT OUT BY BANKER

SHERWOOD WILLIAMS BECOMES  
PARTNER IN LA GRANDE IN-  
VESTMENT COMPANY.

PARTNERSHIP OF NEARLY  
QUARTER CENTURY ENDS

Firm Composed by W. B. Sargent  
and J. K. Wright Was One of Over  
Twenty Years Standing and  
Played Important Part in the  
Growth of La Grande.

A partnership of almost a quarter  
of a century between W. B. Sar-  
gent and J. K. Wright, of La Grande  
was broken today when Mr. Sar-  
gent sold out his half interest in the  
La Grande Investment Company to  
Sherwood Williams, well known  
banker who lately returned from  
overseas service with the Red Cross.  
Mr. Sargent is forced by poor health  
to withdraw from business activities  
and he thus leaves, to be conducted  
by other capable hands, a business  
which he started alone in La Grande  
in 1894 and in which he has been a  
strong figure ever since.  
Incorporated in 1899.  
Mr. Sargent conducted his busi-  
ness alone for the first four years.  
Then late in 1898 he was joined by  
J. K. Wright, to whom he sold a half  
interest. Together they organized the  
La Grande Investment Company and  
articles of incorporation were filed  
January 5th, 1899. Since that time  
Mr. Sargent and Mr. Wright have  
worked together to the great good  
of the city and as the town grew in  
strength and prosperity they grew  
along with it, for their interests  
were very closely allied with it. For  
over twenty years they served the  
community, building homes for the  
ever-coming new families, acting as  
financial agents, taking care of trust-  
ships, and acting as brokers, etc.  
Today they are among the most suc-  
cessful and the most highly respect-  
ed men in the community.  
Mr. Sargent expects to continue  
to make his home in this city and to  
enjoy a much needed relief from all  
business cares.  
Mr. Williams is Old Citizen.  
Mr. Williams needs no introduc-  
tion to La Grander and to residents  
of the valley. Though a young man  
he is an old citizen and has a record  
as a very successful business man,  
with a long and valuable training  
along financial lines. He began his  
career in La Grande in the year 1898  
several months previous to the in-  
corporation of the company of which  
he is now a partner. August 15th he  
began working in the La Grande Na-  
tional Bank under the late J. M.  
Church, who was cashier of the bank  
at that time. Twelve years later, af-  
ter he had risen to the position of  
assistant cashier, he resigned from  
the bank and removed to Imbler.  
Shortly afterwards, with several others  
he organized the State Bank of  
Imbler, taking active management in  
the capacity of cashier of the institu-  
tion, and he remained in that office  
for over six years. One year ago Mr.  
Williams closed out his business con-  
nections here and went into the Red  
Cross service in France, from which  
he returned six weeks ago. His  
whole experience and training fits  
Mr. Williams for his new work with  
the La Grande Investment Company,  
and his knowledge will be valuable  
to every client who may need advice  
or assistance in financial matters.  
Had transfers, escrow agreements or  
insurance.

