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Two Are Drowned in Wallowa Lake

BOTH DROWN BEFORE EYES MANY PEOPLE

Man Is Rancher and Has Several Motherless Children

CRAMP THOUGHT TO BE CAUSE

Miss Pratt Is Daughter of Prominent Real Estate Man of Enterprise—Her Body Will Be Interred in Spokane.

A distressing accident at the pier at the head of Wallowa lake snuffed out two lives yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wenham, a rancher living near Enterprise and Miss Pratt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pratt of Enterprise, were about to go bathing and stepped off the pier into a row boat moored along side. The boat tipped and almost before bystanders recognized the danger of the situation both were drowned. Reports reaching La Grande of the deplorable accident are meagre, but it appears Miss Pratt was not a swimmer and the conclusion reached here is that Mr. Wenham attempted to save her but was himself seized with a cramp. The accident occurred where all campers congregate.

Many Children Orphans

To add to the distress, the Wenham home is now bereft of both father and mother. Mrs. Wenham died of influenza not long ago, and now the father is gone, leaving a half dozen children.

Father Called From Spokane

W. C. Pratt is the head of the Pyramid Land company in this and other cities of the northwest, and because of heavy realty interests in Spokane, Northern Idaho and Montana, has been spending most of his time in that vicinity. He was reached by telephone yesterday and drove through to Enterprise last night via Lewiston. In telephone communication with F. N. Ford of the Pyramid Land company of this city, Mr. Pratt indicated his desire of taking the body of his daughter to Spokane for interment, reaching La Grande by train this evening. Miss Pratt was the eldest daughter in the family and was 16 years of age.

Cove Fruit Men Receive Ready Cash in Chunk

The greater percentage of \$50,000 days to balance off accounts of that representing the cherry harvest of Cove, has already been paid over to the growers. The last cherries have been shipped out, and of this amount 18 carloads were black cherries, for which the money is almost entirely in the hands of the growers. The 11 carloads of white cherries will not liquidate so rapidly, although some of it has been turned over to the grower. It will require something like 80

SCOUTS LEAVE EARLY TOMORROW FOR CAMP

At five o'clock tomorrow morning the Boy Scouts going on the annual camping trip will leave here, going from here to the mill four miles beyond Cove by machine. From there the party will go on foot to the camp site on the Big Mtn., reaching camp, which has been prepared by an advance party, about five or six o'clock in the evening.

The boys will take a cold lunch along and at noon an hour will be taken for eating. Several half hour rests both morning and afternoon will be given the lads during the day.

On arrival at camp a hot supper will be waiting for the boys and all they will have to do after supper will be to make up their beds and go to sleep.

SWINE CARE IS A BIG STUDY

EXPERIMENT STATION HAS CARRIED WORK FAR—Field Peas Found to Be Splendid Means of Pasturing Swine During Summer.

With interest in the small dairy born anew as a result of developments at Union a few days ago, which convinced the regents of O. A. C. that it is now expedient to institute demonstrations of dairying at the Eastern Oregon experiment station, even though the elaborate experiments with beef cattle be made to suffer slightly, interest in swine consequently increases proportionately. The experiment station has a vast amount of information on hand for those who wish to raise hogs in conjunction with small dairy herds, or large ones either.

The first experimental feeding of livestock ever done at the experiment station was with swine. The pigs used in the feeding tests have been largely purchased Berkshires. Twenty brood sows are kept on the farm in order that a uniform lot of pigs may be had for experimental tests. The station was one of the first to call attention of stockmen to the importance of pasture in connection with growing and fattening hogs. At that time most of the hogs were finished in dry lots on grain alone, which is not an economic practice.

At the present time there are five lots of hogs under tests to determine the relative value of different pasture crops and for this purpose winter rye and winter wheat, planted in the spring, make good growth and furnish a great deal of forage. Peas and clover are also used in this test. "Peas in clover" may be an euphonious expression come down with the industry, but it does not compare with "Pigs in peas." Hogs are very fond of peas and do very well on them.

Hogs will produce 500 pound gain per acre on ripe peas and will make a still greater gain when feeding off green ones. Still another lot is feeding on alfalfa pasture.

"Where water is available, hogs go for days without human attention under conditions such as described above, and certainly are the department of least trouble and worry to the farmer who prepares himself to raise the animal properly," agreed a score of men who inspected the experiment station layout a few days ago.

But in the event that farmers do not run their hogs to pasture of this description, the consensus of opinion of all who give it study is that properly handled and when not fed on expensive grains, the hog is indispensable in connection with the small dairy herd.

McHugh Funeral to be Held Tomorrow Morning

The body of James McHugh, who died at St. Vincent's hospital yesterday morning and is at the Bohnenkamp undertaking parlors. Mr. McHugh was a brother of Mrs. David Fitzgerald. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at nine o'clock at the Catholic church.

OUR OWN SCENIC GORGE IS A WONDER

Right under the very shadows of La Grande's front yard is slowly shaping the finest 20-mile scenic wonder of the Northwest save only that of the Columbia Gorge. Embracing a big territory as the statement goes, it necessitates proof to substantiate the claim, but the Observer will leave it to popular decision once the construction of the wonderful 20 miles is completed. Some of it is begun already, and practically four fifths of it contracted and the rest soon will be. An unpaved section of more than 20 miles of Nature's best grandeur will be ready next year, and when the paved surface is applied, the district will stand as a monument to God's handiwork and man's engineering skill.

Commencing at the summit of the Blue Mountains, meandering down the slope at gentle grade to a point near Hilgard where it joins the Grande Ronde river at the Hawes bridge, the highway will cross numerous cement culverts, and be far superior to the ordinary mountain road from a scenic viewpoint, but the moment the river gorge is reached, unsurpassed beauty begins.

Immense overhead crossings that span the river and the mainline of the G. W. R. & N. will number four, including the one at Oro Dell which will be the largest and grandest of them all. The river itself will be crossed immediately below Hilgard. This structure will be massive, but nothing like the one that overarches the river and railroad track a mile below Hilgard. Construction of this overhead has already begun. Then just above the town of Perry the road will again cross the railroad track and river, spanning from a fill grade on the North side to the rock abutment on the South. The tracks will be about 40 feet below the span, and the fill, cement abutments and the structure itself will be a wonderful piece of engineering. From that point down to just below the Perry store, the road has been carved out of the wooded mountainside, scraggly rocks fringing the South, verdant foliage and the racing Grande Ronde on the opposite. Just below the store, the road recrosses to the old grade with a bridge, and then at Oro Dell it will lift itself majestically over the river and the railroad track, fastening its Eastern abutments in the ages-old rock. From there it will swing its graceful lines along down the scenic bench just above and West of La Grande, and then drop down to the city, terminating 20 miles of wooded belt, river gorges, overhangs, bridges, culverts and all the rest of the unsurpassed scenery, man-made and God-created.

Incidentally the district between La Grande and North Powder will contain three overhangs, though overhangs for the railroad track only; one at Hot Lake, another at Telocaset and the third at North Powder. Construction has already begun on the last named.

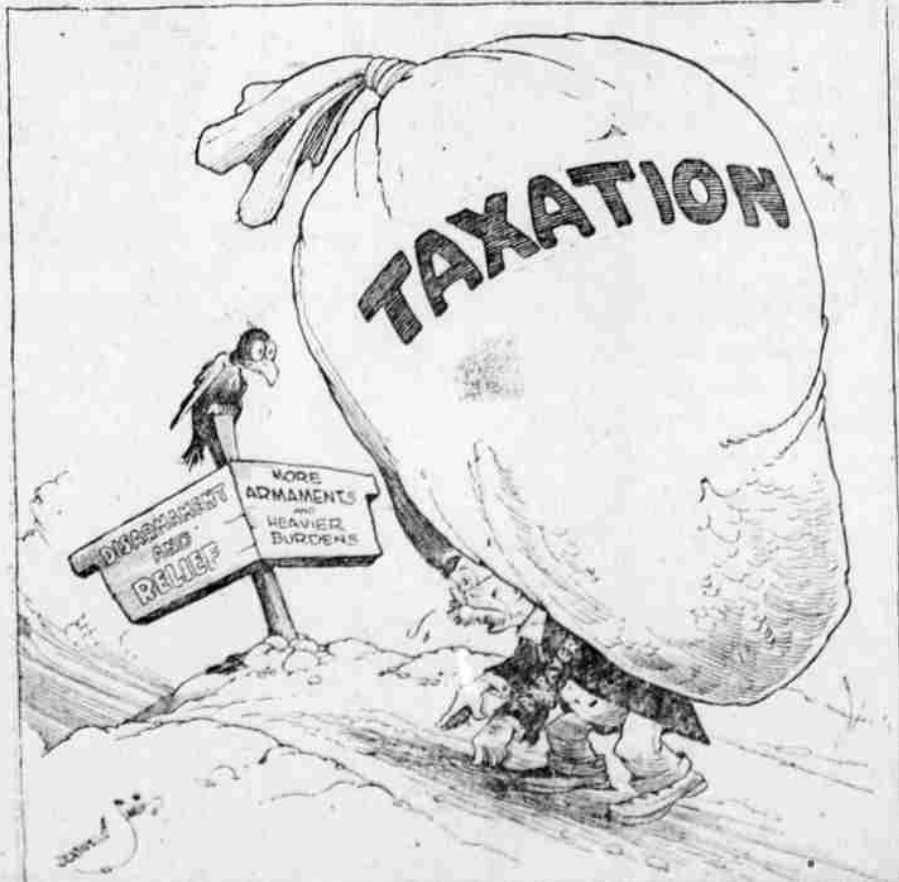
"Talk about your Apian Way and your Columbia River gorge. Wherein do they surpass these 20 miles?" remarked J. A. Matott, of Perry, in discussing this scenic highway. Mr. Matott has watched the preliminaries and dreams of the future beauties of the curved, meandering, majestic lines of the highway, and sees the stupendous magnitude of the overhangs. It requires but a ride along the present gorge to get the same feeling. By the time the 1925 fair rolls around, the Gorge of the Grande Ronde will be spoken of in the same breath of wonderment and awe that entrances a human being the first time over the Columbia gorge.

The cost of all these bridges, overhangs and highway in stupendous, but circumstances require it for no other practical solution could be found.

So far, no astute German diplomat has attempted to curry favor in America by hinting that we started the war.—Uleia Morning Telegram.

Some people are born failures, some meet with misfortune and some have a perennial desire to get something for nothing.—Tacoma Ledger.

WHICH WAY?



HAIL AND WIND RUIN LARGE AREA UP IN CANADA

WIDE STRIP LAID TO WASTE AS IF MOWED BY MACHINE

Wires Down and Information Relative to Storm Havoc Not Yet Obtainable.

REGINA, Canada, Aug. 5.—Damage estimated at more than two millions caused by hail and wind affecting an area seventy-five to one hundred miles east and southeast is reported here.

One district is said to have had a strip thirty miles long and five miles wide cut as if by a mowing machine. Wires are down and details are meager.

BULLETINS

PRESIDENT INTERRUPTED
LANCASTER, N. H., Aug. 5.—The President was interrupted in his vacation today to visit the army tuberculosis hospital at Gorham, twenty-five miles distant.

CATTLE UP A QUARTER
PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—Cattle went to twenty-five cents higher, choice steers selling at \$6.50 to \$7.00 today in Portland. Hogs are steady, prime light bringing \$12.50 to \$13. Sheep are steady and unchanged. Butter is firm but eggs are weak.

OFFER TO RETURN SPIEGIN
CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—James McShain, assistant United States attorney, has received a telegram from M. E. Clinton offering to turn over Warren G. Spurgin, the missing banker if sufficient reward was offered, replied to the latter that \$2500 offered by Lloyd's which is the only reward that is out.

OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE
LONDON, Aug. 5.—American relief officials place no faith in the report that American prisoners in Russia have been released. Vigilant watch at every possible exit shows, they assert, that Mrs. Margaret Harrison is the only one to come through. They regard the Lethian report release as a product of Bolshevik propaganda organization.

MANY SEND CONDOLENCE
NAPLES, Aug. 5.—The city is back to normal again after the interruption caused by Caruso's death and funeral. Business during that time was at a standstill and the population was deeply affected. Mrs. Caruso received more than 2000 telegrams of condolence from all parts of the world and all civilized governments.

LADIES TO LEAVE FOR OLD WORLD

In a few days Mrs. George Chapman and Mrs. Mike Mikelson, of Fruitdale, will leave La Grande for New York and on August 18th will sail for Europe to be gone for about six months.

Mrs. Chapman will go to Germany to visit relatives on the Rhine, and Mrs. Mikelson will journey to Sweden, her former home. The two ladies will travel together as far as France.

They were to have left some time ago and were booked on the big boat that burned. Luckily affairs shaped themselves so they could not get away in time to take the fated boat, for which they are now very thankful.

PROSPECTOR DIES IN CAMP

BODY BROUGHT OUT ON PACK HORSE BY CORONER

Walter Green, 72 Years Old, Dies During Night; Death Thought Due to Over-Exertion

The body of Walter Green, 72 years old, a prospector, who died Wednesday night at Mottett Meadows, an extreme northern part of Union county and about 25 miles northwest of Palmer Junction, arrived here this noon, accompanied by Coroner Hal Bohnenkamp and Sheriff Lee Warnick, who went to the scene of the death yesterday morning to make an investigation and bring the body out.

On Wednesday a pack horse became sick and fell over and Green, together with his partner, Otto Christerson, attempted to get the horse up. In the evening he was in good spirits but going to bed complained of pain in his chest, but neither he nor his partner thought the pains anything serious. When morning came he was found dead in bed, the over-exertion of the day before evidently having brought on death.

Christerson reported the death to Fry Meadow Ranger Station and Ranger Knight notified the local officials of the death. In bringing the body out it was necessary to pack it on horses a distance of 12 miles to Fry Meadows. When Warnick and Bohnenkamp reached the Fry Meadows pack horses were in readiness to take them on to the scene of the death and the party returned to the ranger station at midnight, making the rest of the trip to La Grande by machine this morning.

Green had lived in and near La Grande for several years and has been working on farms in the valley from time to time. It is understood, Christerson, who is a young man, has also been making his home here for several years.

So far as known Green has no relatives. The body is at the Bohnenkamp chapel. Arrangements have not yet been made for the funeral.

QUEEN PRIZES ARE EXHIBITED

The prizes for the Labor Day Queen contest are now on exhibition. The first prize, choice of a pearl necklace or diamond bracelet is on exhibition at J. H. Pearce's. The second prize, choice of a wrist watch or cameo brooch, is on exhibition at Birnie's and the third prize, choice of a pearl bracelet or lavalliere is on exhibition at Siegrist's.

A delegation from the Central Labor Council was at Baker last night and was given assurance that Baker would give her support to the Labor Day celebration here.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, Aug. 5.—Saturday will be fair with moderate northerly winds.

Train Sets Wheat On Fire Prompt Work Saves Crop

Three hundred acres of splendid river-bottom wheat and a combine, and possibly much other grain were saved last evening by the prompt arrival of men to combat the blaze. It was on the Garrett Blockland place near Island City. He discovered the flames along the railroad track soon after the train had passed. He managed to stop the logger, and notified Mrs. Blockland, who began calling for help via the telephone. In just a few minutes men were rushing to the scene from all directions and about 75 had gathered before the "Fire out" alarm could be passed. Fortunately, the blaze started in a low place where the grass was green under the dried surface and the men had time to assemble before the tinder-like wheat fields had really been eaten into. A combine was at work in the field, and, of course, would have been a loss too, had the fire worked its way into the field proper.

WORLD CROP CONDITIONS DISCOURAGE

America Has Best Crops, According to an Official Survey

DROUGHT HITS CANADA HARD

All Europe Has Light Crop With Germany Ranking Best in the Old World—Southern Hemisphere Reports Good Yield.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5.—Preliminary reports to the United States Department of Agriculture from winter-wheat growing countries whose harvests are either nearing completion or about to take place, point to deficiency in the acreage of winter wheat, as compared with the preceding season. Spring wheat, which constitutes approximately one-fourth of the world's supply has, as yet, to pass through its critical stages of development, and with a continuance of the present climatic conditions these are not very bright. Estimates of the 1921 production of wheat in Belgium are placed at 7,679,000 bushels, or 74.6 per cent of the 1920 production; in Bulgaria 48,905,000 bushels, or 123.2 per cent of last year; in Greece 13,962,000 bushels, or 114.5 per cent of last year; in Algeria 33,142,000 bushels, or 387.2 per cent of last year, and in Tunis 11,758,000 bushels, or 225 per cent of the production in 1920. Recent unofficial reports state that the coming wheat crop in Italy will approximate about 175,000,000 bushels, compared with 141,337,000 in 1920, while commercial estimates place Canada's production for the present season at approximately 300,000,000 bushels, compared with 283,189,000 bushels last year.

The principal features of the current agricultural year in the Northern Hemisphere have been an unusually mild and dry winter, followed by a rather heavy drought which has become especially severe in Europe and India. The prolongation of this drought will probably have a serious effect on spring sown crops, which in some countries are already showing signs of being stunted.

Canada Has Drought

On the first of this month in eastern Canada the crops were suffering greatly from prolonged drought; but conditions were reported as generally favorable over the larger part of the western provinces, especially in Saskatchewan, in spite of some rumors to the contrary.

Generally speaking, from practically the whole of Europe have come complaints of drought. In France the rainfall during the first half of the crop season was the lowest for many years, and the present month promises to establish a record for dryness. Conditions are said to be the worst in many seasons. The prolongation of the drought gives cause for keen uneasiness. Beets, spring cereals and meadows have suffered most. Autumn wheat still presents a good appearance. Winter oats will give a good yield, but the condition of spring oats and wheat leaves much to be desired.

Dry Season in United Kingdom

Recent reports indicate that in the United Kingdom the drought continues to prevail with unabated severity. The deep-rooted winter wheat has stood the dry conditions remarkably well, and though the straw is short,

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