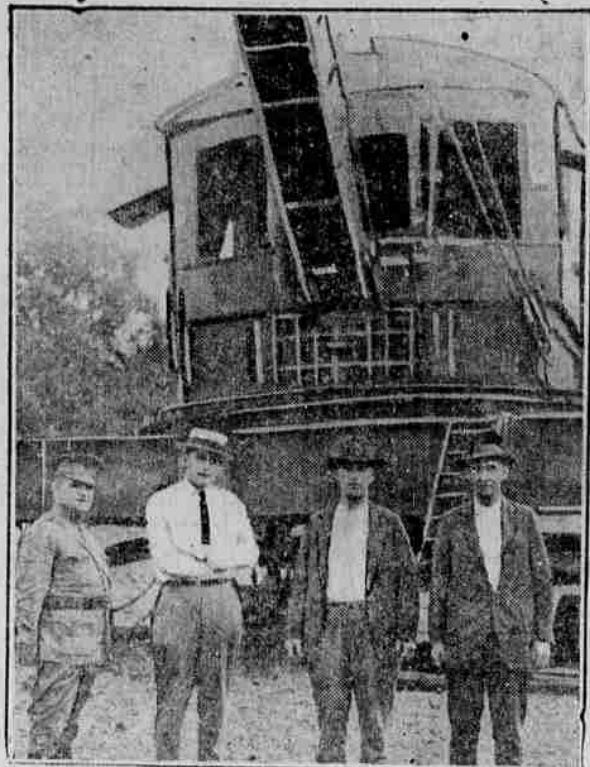


BANDITS CAPTURE FORTY

The Core of the Mine War



Dispute over operation of this steam shovel at the strip mine at Herin, Ill., with members of the Shovelmen's Union working with non-union miners, was one of the immediate causes of the fight that ended in scores being killed. In the foreground are four men who figure largely in the news of the fight. Left to right, Col. Samuel N. Hunter, State Senator William J. Sneed, a sub-district official of the miners' union, Melville Thorton, sheriff of Williamson county, and J. A. Shafer, deputy sheriff.

ARMY SIZE FIXED TODAY BY CONGRESS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 27.—Congressional action on the annual army appropriation bill providing for an average army during the coming year of 125,000 enlisted men and 15,000 officers, was completed today through the final adoption by the senate of the conference report.

SAM HARRIS IS WINNER IN RACE

Sam Harris had to make a business trip to Baker last evening and so he attempted to catch train No. 18—but missed it. So he got his car out and started out, driving at an average of about thirty miles per hour, and arrived in Baker side by side with his train.

This morning he left Baker about twenty minutes later than No. 17 but passed the train near North Powder, beating it to La Grande by a safe margin of about ten minutes. Mr. Harris states that the roads are in fine condition and that an average speed of about thirty miles will keep up with the train schedule.

Wheat Stem Borer is Not Very Harmful Now

Professors L. P. Lakewood, of the Forest Grove Experiment Station, and A. L. Lovett, of the O. A. C. Experiment Station, have been making a thorough study of the wheat stem borer in Union county in the past week and they report that the pest is not as numerous as last season, although signs are found in practically every section of the county.

The worst infestation is near Elgin and Imbler, and in most cases the maggot hasn't destroyed over ten percent of the tillers or stools. The second brood of the wheat stem borer is becoming matured now and are depositing eggs that will make the infestation somewhat larger. However, it is not expected that the new brood will make serious inroads on the crops. The heaviest of the damage done last year was about July 4 and the pest is not nearly so numerous this season.

The recommendations for eradicating the maggot are much the same as last year. Careful cultivation of time. And no wheat maggots are to summer fallow, eradicating volunteer wheat, which offers an ideal home for the flies, are some of the methods used to combat the wheat stem borer. Early spring plowing is also quite effective in that it destroys the volunteer wheat in stubble fields where a large number of the maggots develop this season.

Professor Lakewood states that rapid growing spring varieties of wheat will be able to outgrow the pest and suffer little damage while a slower maturing crop would be damaged to some extent. Illustrating this he cited the example of two fields owned by Frank McKennon. In one, Federation wheat, a rapid growing type, showed practically no signs of maggot, while in the adjoining field, Red Chaff Club, a slower maturing wheat, was badly injured. He states that W. R. Ledbetter's field of Federation planted this year near Imbler is far ahead of any spring wheat sown under like conditions and at the same time. And no wheat maggots are to summer fallow, eradicating volunteer

MINER KILLED IN CLASH IN OHIO SECTION

Was on Way to Work in Machine When he Was Fired Upon from the Hills.

(By Associated Press.)
BRIDGEPORT, O., June 27.—One miner was killed and another wounded today when they were fired upon from the hills while enroute to work at the strip mine of the Catharine Coal Mining company at Uniontown, near here. The victims were in an automobile when the shooting began.

MEEKER WILL BE HERE SOON

Because of the uncertainties about the exact length of his stay here, and what he prefers, Ezra Meeker will outline his own speaking hour and select his own place of speaking from several that have been offered him when he arrives tomorrow morning. It is likely that the talk the famous pioneer will make to La Grande people, free of charge, will be Thursday evening, but no final action can be taken by the pioneer association heads because of a lack of information about Mr. Meeker's plans.

The city hall, The Gardens, or a public street meeting, speaking from an automobile are offers that will be made to him when he arrives tomorrow morning. No local organization has any specific information about his itinerary and the Observer will be in position to announce definite place and hour only after Mr. Meeker arrives. It is likely the date will be Thursday, and the place will be selected by the speaker himself. The hour will likely be 7:30, in any event.

NOT GUILTY IS JUDGE'S VERDICT

In the case of the state vs. Henry D. Briggs the state failed to produce evidence sufficient to convict Briggs on the charge of violating the prohibition laws. Briggs was taken into custody at the time recently when five men were arrested for alleged violations of the liquor laws.

Briggs pleaded not guilty and after hearing the evidence presented by the officers Justice of the Peace Arthur C. Williams pronounced him not guilty.

GRAIN FUTURE BILL PASSES HOUSE TODAY

Will Overcome Decision of U. S. Supreme Court, is Belief.

SENATE CONCURS IN APPROPRIATIONS

Second Class Postage Reduction is Put Over until the December Session.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 27.—The house by a vote of 208 to 76 passed the Capper-Tincher bill to supplement the future trading act to meet a recent supreme court decision.

The senate concurred in the house amendment to the army appropriation bill authorizing an appropriation of \$7,500,000 for new work on the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Alabama effective October 30.

The house postoffice committee vote to postpone consideration of the Kelly bill for reduction of second class rates until the December session.

LONG TIME TO COME TO TRIAL

Henry Wallman, who was arrested about a month ago on the charge of having intoxicating liquor in his possession, was tried this morning in the justice court and found guilty. Justice Arthur Williams fined him \$50 and costs.

G. W. KENNEDY DIED AT UNION

(Special to The Observer.)
UNION, June 27.—G. W. Kennedy, for many years a resident of the Grande Ronde valley, died here this morning. Mr. Kennedy lived at La Grande formerly. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow morning.

FIRE AT MONUMENT
(By Associated Press.)
BAKER, June 27.—Fire early today wiped out several buildings at the town of Monument in Grant county, causing a loss of many thousand dollars.

HOT POTATOES!



ALICEL BOY HONORED



Among the boys who have just returned from school is Carl D. Friswold, son of Mrs. Hattie Friswold of Alicel, who has been attending Hill Military Academy at Portland. Young Friswold was a great favorite with the faculty and in recognition of his splendid progress was appointed to the rank of corporal at the commencement exercises recently held at the Academy.

DEADLOCK IS STILL ON IN COAL MATTER

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 27.—Realizing that the deadlock between the mine operators and the union mine workers would not be voluntarily abated by either party to the coal strike, the administration was prepared today to offer a compromise plan for negotiating the differences, which it was believed should not be rejected by either side. The cabinet today considered the coal strike.

LOST BOY FOUND IN IDAHO WILDS

(By Associated Press.)
IDAHO FALLS, Ida., June 27.—Seven-year-old Hylan Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stone of St. Anthony, was found Monday morning by a searching party, following an all-night hunt for the boy, who strayed away from the family camp in the island park country Sunday afternoon. The boy was found about eight miles distant from the point where he disappeared, but he had walked in circles and had traveled over 25 miles. He was found, crying, near an abandoned sawmill.

BOOZE MURDER TRIAL TODAY AT OREGON CITY

Russell Hecker Charged with First Degree Murder; Slain Man Said to Have Been Seeking Moonshine.

(By Associated Press.)
OREGON CITY, June 27.—Russell Hecker, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Frank Bowker at Clackamas, April 17, was placed on trial here today.

The state alleges that Bowker was murdered while on a trip to a cache of liquor which he was to purchase from Hecker.

ORDERS EQUAL PRODUCTION NOW

Orders for and production of softwood lumber are practically equal. Production has almost reached its peak. In orders there has been a slight falling off which, however, has not weakened the market and does not indicate any marked change in buying policy. Home building records are continually being passed, and there is no sign of let-up in demand for softwood construction lumber, but, even should there be a considerable slackening in the buying of lumber for home building, seemingly it will be counterbalanced by increasing factory and rural demand. There is reason to believe that, while business may not be so brisk during midsummer, its volume will be so good that deliveries will hardly be needed. Prices have changed little with the last two weeks, according to the American Lumberman, for although demand is sufficient to hold them at present levels, it is not heavy enough to cause further increases. A large number of cars are in transit but are being absorbed without difficulty—an excellent indication of the fundamental strength of the market.

With building of houses reaching record-breaking proportions, it is evident that there is going to be some heavy buying of furniture. When moving into a new home, people do not always buy complete sets of new furniture, but they do buy some, so the furniture manufacturers expect a very keen demand this fall. Such purchases will in turn benefit the hardwood producers. A matter of fact, demand for hardwood is showing a steady and certain expansion that augurs well for the immediate future.

NEW GRADE IS TO OPEN SOON

The office of Division Engineer R. H. Ballock of the state highway commission today announced that the new standard grade between Huntington and Weiser, on the Oregon side of the Snake River, will be open for traffic on Wednesday, June 28th. The road will allow traffic between these points without crossing the river at Olds Ferry as in the past.

Surfacing operations, of which 35 per cent are completed, are being pushed as rapidly as possible with the expectation that the surfacing will be completed by November 1. The new grade is in fair condition for travel.

AMERICANS BEING HELD IN MEXICO

Forty Employees of Oil Company Near Tampico Are Taken.

PROPERTY ALSO TAKEN BY BAND

Mexican Government Asked to Take Steps to Protect Lives of U. S. Citizens.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, June 27.—Forty American employees of the Cortez Oil company near Tampico and property valued at \$250,000 is being held by the rebel, General Gorbazabe, for \$15,000 ransom, according to a message from the American consul at Tampico to the state department.

Prompt instructions were sent to the American embassy and consulate at Tampico to urge the Mexican authorities to take immediate steps for the protection of American lives and property.

The department is awaiting advice as to the action of the Mexican government to obtain the release of A. Bruce Bielaski, captured by bandits near Cuernavaca.

FIRE DAMAGES REYNOLDS HOME

The J. E. Reynolds residence was damaged by fire and water to the extent of about \$1,000 yesterday afternoon, the fire damage being confined to the third floor and the roof while water did considerable damage to the first two floors. At the time of the fire Mrs. Reynolds was home alone.

The fire started in the attic, probably starting from a defective flue. Mrs. Reynolds stated that the day before she had noticed that the kitchen stove was smoking and used some chemical to clear out the flue and that she had a big fire all day yesterday.

Most of the furniture was saved from being water-soaked by moving it to rooms where the water had not been played. The damage was fully covered by insurance.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, June 27.—Twenty-six were killed and a large number injured, 20 seriously in a railway accident outside of Berlin today.

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, June 27.—The Evening News says that the British government sent a warning last Saturday to the Irish Provisional government that if the latter government's authorities to restore order were not exercised the British government would have to take action.

Formal Protest is Made Against Union Team

The game of baseball played Sunday between the Union team and the local club at the fairgrounds, resulting in a 5 to 3 defeat for the Pirates, which was protested by Manager Hector Melvin on account of the playing of two Cove players by the Federals, will be the chief topic of interest Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, when the various managers in the Intermountain League will meet at Judge T. H. Crawford's office in the West-Jacobson building to decide upon the protest.

The protest was officially filed by Judge Crawford yesterday and notification of the meeting to be held Saturday evening was made to the various managers who are all expected to be present.

The story of the playing of the Cove players, according to apparently reliable authorities, is that, due to the fact that a man in Heines, the Pirates' team, visited their game to the Farmers' Association, Cove was allowed to have a substitute to the Federals, and they signed enough ball players to beat La Grande for in the east portion of the state.

