

## HARDING ISSUES APPEAL

### Block Signal Unheeded by Engineer; 38 Killed and 137 Were Hurt

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—Thirty-eight dead and 137 injured, 25 critically, was the toll taken by the rear-end collision of two Missouri Pacific trains at Sulphur Springs early Saturday night, a check up revealed today.

Most of the dead and injured were brought to St. Louis, where the latter filled the various hospitals of the city.

Failure of the engineer of train No. 4, the fast passenger steel train which crashed into No. 32, the local standing on the track, to heed a block signal was the cause of the disaster, according to John Cannon, assistant general manager of the road.

**Signal Not Noticed.**  
The block signal, warning that the track was not clear ahead, was unheeded by Matt Engel Glenn of St. Louis, engineer of the fast train, according to Cannon. Glenn, 37 years old and an engineer for 27 years without a blemish against his record, jumped from his cab just before the crash and was killed. Edward Tyler, also of St. Louis, fireman of No. 4, remained at his post and was seriously injured.

Officials of the road declared that the block signal was working properly, and were set against the approaching No. 4. The inference, therefore, is that Engineer Glenn of the limited should have brought his train to a stop. Two o'clock this morning saw the last body recovered. With both lanterns and a group of men came down the track to the little station bearing on a litter the blancketed inert figure of the last victim to be found in the "littered wreck."

**Clearing of Debris Begun.**  
Work was then started on clearing up the debris, and when the sun came up beyond the broad sweep of the Mississippi it was well under way. From the front of the engine of No. 4 was pulled one of the two coaches of the accommodation, which was little damaged. Next came a compressed hot boiler splintered against the nose of the engine, which had once been a railway car. As the wreckage was unloosed the sticks of wood and tangled beams of the frame dropped down.

Scattered trucks, which had carried cars, were assembled. The four coaches of the accommodation train, which had been knocked from the trestle and the embankment, were picked up. The baggage car of the limited train, whose steel sides had bulged from the compression of the blow, was drawn from its precarious perch on the trestle over Glazie creek and practically fell to pieces as it was pulled away. By 3 o'clock this afternoon only piles of splintered wood were left to tell the story of the catastrophe.

### Program for Boy Scout Pilgrimage is Good One

Enthusiasm is rampant among the Boy Scouts of La Grande with the opening day of the summer camp on the Big Mimam only a little over a week away. Since the termination of their camping period last season they have been eagerly looking forward to another such outing and it is expected that practically all of the members will be able to make the trip.

Preparations for the event are practically completed, the tents having been set for August 14-29. On August 12 an advance party, consisting of Leo McCorkle, Francis Robinson, Edward Fitzgerald, Fern Kelly and camp cook Roy Jewell, under charge of Harvey Carter, scoutmaster of Troop 1 will proceed the campers and will prepare the grounds, tents and dining room and kitchen, also laying out the camp grounds so that when the others arrive everything will be set up for them.

The camp will be ready for the boys four days later and the remainder of the scouts, accompanied by their leaders, will leave La Grande at 5 o'clock and will be taken as far as the hill, four miles above Cove. From this point they will hike to the camp on the Mimam, taking the trip in easy stages and upon their arrival at camp a hot meal will be awaiting them. Their plans bought beds will be set up so that after tramping in all they will have to do is eat and roll in for the night's slumber.

Reveille will wake them up for their first day in camp at 6:29, the first item on the program being thorough setting up exercises. Then comes the morning wash or early dip in the river which is purely voluntary. During breakfast the camp police will attend to the morning cleaning and prepare everything for the daily inspection. At the conclusion of the camp duties one hour of scouting instruction will follow, giving the boys a chance to advance in their scouting degrees and giving them a chance to receive personal instruction.

From 10 until 11 the boys will be at ease and may do whatever they desire, going on a hike, reading, washing or playing any games that they wish to.

### FOX ELIMINATED FROM THE GAME

Fred N. Fox, of Union one of the favorites in the Union County Tennis Tournament, was eliminated in the semi-finals Saturday evening when Lyle Wilson, of Imbler, last year's champion, won two fast sets from his opponent by the scores of 6-3 and 6-1. Fox failed to play up to his usual form, due to fatigue. Wilson played a bang-up game and it is doubtful if Fox would have been able to take the match if in the best of form.

Preliminary to the semi-finals, Fox tramped Harry Clark in two straight matches, shutting him out 6-0 and 6-0. Fox played much faster against Clark than Wilson, giving a classy exhibition in both sets.

The results of Saturday's matches leaves Wilson in line to play the winner of the first division for the cup. Wilson is considered the favorite and if playing in good form should win the cup again for his second consecutive year. A straight three year win would entitle him to permanent possession of the cup.

In the junior division no matches were played but it is likely that Robinson and Kelly versus Larson and Bennett will meet this afternoon.

### Will Give Advertising Dance at Zuber Hall Next Thursday Night

Added to the summer novelties in the way of entertainment P. J. Powers will give an advertising dance at Zuber Hall next Thursday night. The dance is to reflect the mercantile establishments of the city and many of the stores already have designated the party who will represent their line of goods.

### COAL FOR NORTHWEST

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Additional priority orders are to be issued at once by interstate commerce commission to facilitate movement of coal through northwest was announced today by the coal distribution committee.

### STATION WILL GET FINE BULL

(By Associated Press.)  
UNION, Aug. 7.—The Oregon Agricultural college, through Professor P. M. Brandt, head of the dairy department, during the Oregon Jersey jubilee, purchased from Henry D. Hill of Independence, Oregon, the Jersey bull calf, St. Maves Lad 2nd. The calf is by the Maori, son of the grand champion and richly bred St. Maves bull, Captain Tritam. His dam, St. Maves Lad's Ruby, is a daughter of St. Maves Lad, sire of the world record senior yearling, St. Maves Lad's Lady. She is on test as a senior yearling and will finish her year August 23. The bull will be taken to the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station at Union, where a high grade herd of Jersey is now an experimental test to try out different methods of feed and care. The price of \$850 was paid for the bull calf.

### POTATOES GIVEN AGENT'S O. K.

Out of two hundred acres of potatoes that were inspected recently by E. R. Jackson and H. G. Avery, county agent, only one small field of spuds was eligible for certification. The field was owned by A. F. Bowman, of North Powder, the variety of potatoes being Early Ohio. Many other fields above the average were inspected, the farms belonging to A. B. Davis, Robert Clark, J. C. Blackington and Harley Smith, of La Grande; Henry Hill, of North Powder, and Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, but failed to pass a high enough test to be certified.

The reason for so small a certification is mainly blamed to the "leaf mosaic" which causes a stunting of growth of the plant, sometimes an early dying down of the top, and usually results in less than half the usual yield that a healthy crop should produce. Drought and other disease troubles are also due to many of the potato crops not being up to standard.

Mr. Jackson recommended that those who grow potatoes commercially should either send for certified seed or go into a choice patch, pulling out all the plants and tubers that show any signs of weakness or unhealthiness.

### MIDDLE STATES PICNIC WAS A SOCIAL SUCCESS

People Who Formerly Lived in Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri Hold Annual Meeting.

Former residents of Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri who now make their home in the Grande Ronde valley met yesterday in Riveria Park for a big reunion. Every part of the valley was well represented and many were the reminiscent stories of former days spent in one of the three states.

### LITTLE FANNIE BROWN FOUND AFTER SEARCH

Excitement reigned near Cove yesterday when it was discovered that Fannie Brown was missing from the camp where Mr. and Mrs. Jabe Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Goodnough and Fannie Brown had been using as their headquarters while picking huckleberries. Three trucks of Cove citizens and three trucks of La Grande men were called out and the hills were being thoroughly combed when, about five o'clock, a telephone call from High Valley assured the searchers that she had been found.

### TWO DEAD AND SHERIFF HURT

(By Associated Press.)  
JOLIET, Ill., Aug. 7.—Special Agent Philip Rottz of the Joliet and Eastern railroad, and an unknown striker are dead and Sheriff James Newkirk is seriously wounded, the result of riots which broke out here this morning in the railroad yards. Authorities are planning to call out the state troops.

### HALL GAINS ONE TODAY IN COUNT

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—Seven precincts gave Charles Hall a lead of one over Governor Obeyeske today. A total of seventy-seven precincts have been recounted.

### CATTLE MENACE AUTO SPEEDERS

(By Associated Press.)  
SALEM, Aug. 7.—Statements from the state highway division engineers' office, are that the highway authorities are doing everything in their power to keep all stock from grazing or roaming on the highways but that occasionally their orders are disregarded.

### PRIZE FIGHTER NOW A GROOM

A quiet marriage took place Saturday morning when Harry Burnham and Miss Erma Eilam were united by Arthur Williams, justice of the peace, with D. K. Ford and Hester Jewell, the sister of the bride, as witnesses. Miss Eilam is quite popular among the younger set and the bridegroom is better known to citizens of La Grande as "Kid Sapp."

### PALMER MILL TEAM WALLOPED

The La Grande Palmer Mill baseball team went down to an ignominious defeat yesterday afternoon at the hands of a picked team selected from La Grande. The game was played on the fairgrounds and resulted in a 3 to 0 victory for the latter aggregation.

### SMALL BOY WAS INJURED BY HACK

Alvin Campbell, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Campbell, was injured yesterday when the wheels of a hack ran over his neck. The little boy had been riding on the back and fell off, lighting under one wheel. He was rushed to medical aid where it was discovered that the injuries were of a minor nature. The accident took place near the city park.

### MIKE O'LEARY DIED YESTERDAY

Mike O'Leary, who was fatally injured Thursday afternoon near Vincent, passed on at six thirty o'clock yesterday morning. His skull had been fractured and his body was badly lacerated.

### PRIME CATTLE LITTLE HIGHER

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—Cattle were quoted at \$4 to \$8.25, which was a quarter higher on strictly prime stuff; hogs were easier and undertone prices were unchanged; sheep were steady with a little easier a little easier; fancy butter is scarce and firm; eggs were steady and cream unsettled today.

### BULLETINS

ADJOURNED UNTIL WEDNESDAY.  
(By Associated Press.)  
CLEVELAND, Aug. 7.—Coal operators and union leaders who gathered here today for a wage conference in advance to adjourn until Wednesday with the expectation that Indiana miners and operators will be in attendance at that time.

### PORTLAND HAS \$50,000 BLAZE EARLY TODAY

(By Associated Press.)  
PORTLAND, Aug. 7.—Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin early this morning destroyed the Hawthorne station, three frame houses, badly damaged the Wavside Garage and gutted an apartment house in the block bounded by East Sixth, East Seventh, East Ninth and Hawthorne avenues.

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