

## FALL WHEAT WILL BETTER 5-YEAR MARK

Estimate Expects Nearly 3,000,000 Bushels Over 5-Year Average.

## SPRING WHEAT WILL YIELD HEAVILY TOO

Forecast Regarding Oats, Barley, Hay, Potatoes and Fruit Estimates Larger Crops for Oregon.

PORTLAND, July 11.—This season's prospects for a bumper grain and hay crop in Oregon have been somewhat lessened by the continued summer rainfall and the almost unprecedented summer precipitation of July 5th and 6th says F. L. Kent, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The heavy June rainfall amounting to more than one inch in a 24-hour period in several localities, caused much damage to hay, grain and cherries. Rains during the latter part of June had caused considerable damage to hay and some lodging of wheat on the heavier soils. The recent July precipitation caught a lot of grain almost ready for cutting, beating it down so that it can not be harvested with the usual equipment. However, the benefit to spring crops and pastures will doubtless more than offset the injury to winter wheat.

Estimates of average and condition, and forecast of production of some of the leading crops of the state of Oregon for 1923, and the five year averages are as follows:

	1923	5-Yr. Av.
Winter wheat—	1,922,000	804,000
Acres	852,000	804,000
Condition	56.8	50.9
Bushels	20,945,000	17,115,000
Spring wheat—	249,000	269,000
Acres	57.8	58.0
Condition	4.82,000	3,726,000
Bushels	270,000	297,000
Oats—	55.8	52.9
Acres	2,700,000	8,849,000
Condition	9,200,000	8,849,000
Bushels	88,000	92,000
Acres	100.0	91.0
Condition	3,950,000	2,423,000
Bushels	1,193,000	1,155,000
Acres	92.0	92.0
Condition	2,777,000	2,122,000
Tons	42,750	46,000
Acres	50.0	54.0
Condition	5,045,000	4,507,000
Bushels	4,851,000	3,472,000
Condition	1,350,000	1,350,000
Acres	58.5 per cent	58.5 per cent
Condition	130.0 per cent	130.0 per cent
Condition	75 per cent	102 per cent
Condition	85.5 per cent	85.5 per cent
Condition	57 per cent	57 per cent
Condition	50 per cent	50 per cent
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## BUSINESS WOMEN HAVE SQUABBLE

PORTLAND, July 11.—Business and professional women today adopted resolutions endorsing the world court and proposing a conference with the National Women's Trade Union League for the betterment of working women's conditions.

PORTLAND, July 11.—Spurred by debate on the question of a minimum wage for women workers marked the session Tuesday afternoon of the national convention here of the Business and Professional Women's clubs.

Speakers representing Oregon and Washington, where minimum wage laws are in effect, spoke in favor of the laws of their states, while delegates from Iowa, Illinois and Indiana opposed the minimum wage idea in principle. The western delegates told of benefits derived from the law and the middle western women voiced opposition on the ground that equal opportunities should be given in industry to both sexes.

The legislative committee took the arguments into consideration at an executive session and is to report resolution Wednesday for action of the convention. Mary Stewart of Washington, D. C., indicated the resolution.

## Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, July 11.—Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday.

## Lightning And Heat Kills 17

CHICAGO, July 11.—The list of deaths from excessive heat in many parts of the country were augmented today by casualties from storms which brought relief to many sections.

Twelve died from heat and five from lightning. Five are dead from heat in Nebraska, four in Illinois, one in Iowa and one in Michigan. Lightning killed three in Michigan and two in Iowa.

## TO HOLD EVENT, RAIN OR SHINE

Country Club Celebration Tomorrow Evening To Be Mecca For La Grande People.

"Bring a cup, saucer, knife, fork and spoon and be there at 6:30 o'clock."

That is the only request made by the country club who will be host to the entire community tomorrow evening at the club grounds in a festive affair that will dedicate the country club on its way free of all indebtedness, chief among the dedication ceremonies being the burning of the country club mortgage.

Every citizen of La Grande is cordially invited to be present and to invite his or her friends. The idea followed henceforth by the organization is to make the country club a community affair pure and simple with no body of men or women monopolizing the privileges of the organization and its grounds.

"We want a big attendance—the biggest that ever gathered for such an event in La Grande," a member of the committee stated. "We want the entire community to celebrate with us at the clearing of yours, mine and all La Grande's country club of all debt."

Furnish Transportation. The country club grounds, situated about two miles from La Grande are easily accessible to any who have cars and those who have no means of transportation will be provided with same by the committee in charge, consisting of H. E. Watkins, Charles Blinger, H. E. Dixon, S. D. Crowe, and Dan Tanner. Everyone who is planning on going should call a member of the committee first, to give the members an idea as to how many will be present so that the dinner will be prepared with food enough for all, and second, if no transportation is had to notify the committee so that they can provide same.

"If it doesn't rain we'll hold the celebration, for that is what it really is, outside the clubhouse," a member of the committee stated today. "And if it does rain, we'll hold it in the clubhouse. So those who are to be present need not worry as to the weather."

Bring Your Swimmers' Suits. The country club swimming tank is now in action and swimming will be among the pleasures to be participated in tomorrow evening. Bring your swimming suits, is the urge of the members. The water is "just right" and the tank is big enough for all.

In addition to the feed, which will start at 6:30 o'clock, swimming, short speeches and a general good time for all makes up the program.

## "Grand Whiskerino" Has Beard 17 Feet in Length

CHICAGO, July 11.—Hans W. Langseth, 76, of Arney, N. Dak., arrives here Tuesday to be crowned "Grand Whiskerino" during the convention of the International Association of Specialty Salesmen. Langseth, who sells bibles, was awarded the title after an international contest. He boasts a foot of whiskers which he started to cultivate when he was 29 years old, according to association officials.

## STEAMER GROUND ON RIVER'S BANK

PORTLAND, July 11.—The steamer Sydney M. Hauptman, of the Morrison-McCormick line, was grounded last night on the Columbia river, at Westport, Oregon, while attempting to pass a tug.

She is expected to be floated at high tide.

The Sydney M. Hauptman left Portland last night laden with lumber.

## HELD ON MAYHEM CHARGE

KLAMATH FALLS, July 11.—C. C. Brower, district attorney, waived examination Monday afternoon when he appeared in justice court to answer to the charge of mayhem preferred by Fay Morris. He was bound over to the Grand Jury.

The case grew out of a controversy between Morris and Brower in the latter's office, Friday, when Morris tendered his resignation as Brower's assistant.

Morris alleges that Brower struck him, breaking his glasses and causing a deep gash under the eye and down to the lip, making several stitches necessary. Brower was arrested late Friday on a complaint filed by Morris and was released on his own recognizance following his arraignment in justice court.

## WAR IS OPENED ON NEW SCHOOL LAW TUESDAY

J. A. Hill, Head of Hill Military Academy, Portland, Launches Test Case.

PORTLAND, July 11.—Signing a complaint asking that the federal court grant a temporary injunction, Joseph A. Hill, head of the Hill Military academy, Tuesday began legal action to test the so-called "compulsory" school law. He anticipates a test case that will probably be carried to the United States supreme court. The action attacks the law as a violation of the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution applying to federal constitution applying to the "due process" clause.

The action requests that the governor, secretary of state, attorney general and district attorney be prevented from enforcing the school law.

"There is no religious aspect to this suit," said Hill to the Portland press. "It is purely a business matter with us. We have recently acquired new property and propose to build, and we want to know where we stand before we go ahead."

The school law, which will become effective in 1925, would practically prevent the academy from maintaining the grade department of the organization, which consists of a grade school and a preparatory department, which is the equivalent of a high school. Hill declares that he does not want to build for this department if its operation must be stopped at the close of a couple of years.

Test Constitutionality. "There is considerable talk that the law is unconstitutional," he continued during an interview, "and we want to know definitely whether it is or not. We are a corporation chartered by the state, representing a heavy property investment and bringing money into the state at the rate of some \$100,000 annually. The school is non-sectarian, its patriotism is unquestioned and it is approved by the United States government. We want to know if, under these circumstances, certain of our property is practically to be taken away."

Another Montana Bank Closes. HELENA, Mont., July 11.—The First Bank of Joplin, Montana, affiliated with the Stanton Trust and Savings Bank, of Great Falls, Mont., closed its doors today.

## Dam Sites Feasible

SPOKANE, July 11.—The proposed dam sites for the Columbia Basin project above Camden, Washington, were reported feasible today by federal engineers, their drills showing a granite base.

## Endorses Dr. Steiner

PORTLAND, July 11.—The State Medical Society today adopted resolutions endorsing Dr. Steiner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane and his assistant, Dr. Griffith, and deploring any change in official positions at the hospital. Dr. Alfred G. Kinney, Astoria, was elected president.

## RATIFIES TWO TREATIES

PARIS, July 11.—The Senate today ratified the Washington treaty for the limitation of naval armaments without reservation, also the Four-Power Pacific Treaty.

## MISS ADLER BUYS I. X. L. GROCERY

Miss Margaret Adler has purchased the I. X. L. Grocery of Mrs. Lydia Mulkey, the transaction occurring Saturday. Mrs. Mulkey will leave soon for a three-months visit to Portland, Seattle, Eugene and then south to Corpus Christi, Texas, where she has some land near the oil fields, then to Kansas for a visit to her daughters, returning to La Grande about November 1st. Mrs. Mulkey said upon leaving interviewed, "I'll be back. I cannot stay away from Oregon."

## Eleven Dead In Explosion

ALTON, Ill., July 11.—Eleven persons are known to have been killed and 23 injured, in an explosion which occurred late Tuesday in the metallic shell department of the Western Cartridge Company plant at East Alton.

Six of those killed were women. They were: Mrs. Mittie Warren of Alton, mother of 10 children; Miss Anna Gorman of Alton; Miss Ruth Green of Alton; Miss Hazel Young of Rockford, Ill.; Miss Beadie Jenkins and Mrs. Minnie Wagner.

The men employees killed were William Brummer of East Alton, Frank Bennes of Alton, Russell Reburn of Brownstown, Ill., Charles Hawkins of Alton, and Howard Hunter of Alton.

Three of those injured, it is feared, will die. In addition to 15 reported seriously hurt, 19 other employees were said to have suffered superficial injuries and were able to go to their homes.

## PENDLETON TO BE SHRINE CITY

Two Thousand Shriners To Attend Big Ceremonial on September 19; Arrangements Made.

PENDLETON, July 11.—Two thousand Shriners and their families are expected to be in Pendleton on September 19, Wednesday, before the Round-Up when a special ceremonial, the first ever held here by Al Kader Temple, A. O. N. M. S. of N. A., Preliminary arrangements for the ceremonial were completed Tuesday when a delegation of Shriners from Portland met with Pendleton members and the directors of the Round-Up association and Happy Canyon.

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There will be a class of about 200 candidates to take the work, and they will come from all over the state. In addition, we expect many Shriners from Washington and Idaho to be present.

The ceremonial will be staged at Happy Canyon, according to arrangements entered into Tuesday.

## Chief Executive Will Stop at Skagway Now

ABOARD THE TRANSPORT HENDERSON, July 11.—Carrying memories of a most pleasant day spent in the Alaskan capital, President and Mrs. Harding and their party sailed from Juneau early today in further search of information relating to Alaskan problems.

They decided a short time before sailing to make a short stop at Skagway en route to Seward, instead of visiting the town on the return trip.

## 10 DREDGE FOR GOLD

BAKER, Or., July 11.—An extensive gold dredging program among farms along the Burnt river, near Bridgeport, has been announced by the Superior Gold Dredging company.

## Sharp Decline in Wheat

CHICAGO, July 11.—Wheat underwent a sharp setback in price Tuesday and for the first time this season the September delivery sold as low as \$1 a bushel. Much of the decline came after announcement of the arrival in Chicago of the first car of new wheat received here from the 1923 crop.

## CROWD BRAVES RAIN TO HEAR HARDING TALK

President Address Citizens of Juneau from Portico of Governor's Mansion; Cabinet Officers Speak.

JUNEAU, Alaska, July 11.—Greeted by the presidential salute of 21 guns from Chilkoot barracks, President Harding, Mrs. Harding and members of their party landed here Tuesday, to spend the entire day as guests of Governor Scott C. Bone and territorial and city officials. The ideal weather which had attended the Alaskan trip gave way to rain and fog here, but the townspeople, paying no attention, gathered on the wharf in the business section to give the party a hearty welcome.

After landing, the party was driven through the town to the governor's mansion escorted by troops from Chilkoot barracks, a company of marines from the Henderson and veterans of the American Legion. A large crowd had gathered about the mansion and despite the rain, cheered loudly when the president and Governor Bone appeared on the portico.

Governor Bone introduced the president who began his address by declaring "there must be a lot of Baptists in Juneau, at any rate people who turn out so generously on a rainy day like this ought to have some measure of return."

"We have been greatly impressed by the scenery of Alaska during this first part of our trip. Sturdy, majestic, stalwart and immovable are truly the only words which describe this wonderful land of ours. I am proud of you as citizens of the United States. It is good to know of Alaska and it is our purpose to know you better and have you know our government better."

The president then referred to the children who have played a prominent part in the greeting extended him and said:

"Although children cannot choose where they are born, yet if they could choose, I think they would select this west."

He was greeted with great applause when he declared that he knew the government would "help those who are now children more than it has helped their parents."

At the conclusion of the president's address, Secretary Hoover, Wallace and Work, and Speaker Gillet of the house, spoke briefly, and then the president and Mrs. Harding held a public reception, shaking hands with the hundreds who gathered about them. Children, miners and Indians formed a considerable part of the group.

## STREET CONTRACTS LET

BEND, Or., July 11.—Contracts for street improvements amounting to \$144,236.42 were awarded to the Warren Construction company by the city council here last night. Much of this improvement will be paving. Bids on four districts, in which residents protested, were rejected.

## SWEET HOME IN DARK

SWEET HOME, July 11.—Sweet Home has been in darkness more than a week as a result of a breakdown at the electric plant at Foster.

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT UNION

Miss Marie Shaw, of Union, who was killed in an auto wreck near East Sunday morning, was laid at rest yesterday afternoon at two o'clock in the Union cemetery, Reverend Quinn, of the Methodist church, preaching the funeral services.

A large crowd was in attendance at the services, the Union Methodist church proving too small to adequately house those present. Members of the U. H. S. Class of '24, of which the deceased was a member, served as pallbearers.

Flowers, in great quantities, decorated the church and her last resting place.

Miss Shaw was fifteen years of age and leaves to mourn her death her mother, Mrs. E. H. Shaw, a sister, Vera Shaw, and a host of friends.

## Negro Facing Murder Charge

PORTLAND, July 11.—Frank Berry died today from a bullet wound and Albert Corley, negro, is in a hospital from injuries in a fight, charged with firing the shot which killed Berry. The fight followed a quarrel over a wrap game.

## 27 I. W. W. CONVICTED

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—Twenty-seven alleged I. W. W. were convicted today on two counts on an indictment charging criminal syndicalism. The jury retired yesterday afternoon and spent six and one half hours in actual deliberation.

## HAY HARVEST IS ON IN EARNEST

Alfalfa Crop is About 100 Per Cent Normal, According to County Agriculturalist.

"The hay harvest is now in full swing on the smaller farms in the Grande Ronde Valley and all larger farms raising alfalfa will be harvesting this crop immediately. The crop, while not as large as two years ago, can be said to be 100 per cent normal," states H. G. Avery, county horticulturist.

"The hay harvest in North Powder's section, which produces the largest tonnage per acre, is not so far along, but prospects are good there also.

"New seedings of alfalfa met with ideal conditions this year and will supply in some cases, a small clipping of hay or a considerable amount of pasture this season.

"Prospects for a good crop of wild hay or timothy are excellent throughout the county."

Other Crops. Corn, potatoes and grains have not done as well as the wheat and hay, according to general indications. Barley, oats and rye are in as good a condition as the wheat crop, but potatoes and corn have been growing slowly. The last two weeks of warm weather has benefited those crops to a great extent. Good stands are assured in most cases on both potatoes and corn and with prevailing warm weather conditions are very favorable.

Range and Pastures. Grass land has had ideal conditions this season and grass is abundant wherever heavy pasturing during the past two years has not destroyed the land. Many low producing pastures will be much improved by this year's rainfall and should show the effects for several years, if it is properly handled. Many cattlemen in Union county are already estimating the surplus stock which may be sold off grass during the next three months.

All in all, from reports from all sections of the county, it looks like almost a bumper year for Union county from an agricultural standpoint.

## Iowa Editor Dies

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 11.—Alexander F. O'Hern, business manager of the Times, who for many years was sporting editor of this publication when he wrote under the name of "Old Pike," died Tuesday. He was born April 14, 1882. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning.

## In Simplest Fashion

PARIS.—A number of the little silk frocks shown here today are made in the simplest fashion, with gathered skirt and loose blouse. But they are ornamented with from four to six pointed panels of lace, attached only at the waistline.

## Tortoise Shell Straps

PARIS.—Tortoise shell shoulder straps matching a tortoise shell belt are a feature of one evening gown worn here. The dress is of golden brown jacquard silk, and there are links of gold in the tortoise shell chains.

## FARMER GORED BY BULL

TILLAMOOK, July 11.—Crew Randall, 59, a farmer of Tillamook, was seriously injured, if not fatally, gored today by a Jersey bull. He was working a field at the time. The fact that the bull tossed him over a fence probably prevented immediate death. He thigh was torn and his abdomen gashed. The fall as he went over the fence caused a broken arm.

## WOMAN, WHO MUST HANG, TRIES SUICIDE

Mrs. Sabelle Nitti Crudelle Attempted to Kill Herself This Morning.

## INTERVENTION BY MATRONS IN TIME

Doomed Woman, Speaking Only Italian Language, Did Not Know Her Fate When Sentenced.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Mrs. Sabelle Nitti Crudelle, sentenced to hang on a murder charge, attempted to commit suicide in her cell this morning. She beat her head against the cell bars until the blood came and tried to choke herself.

Matrons intervened in time to prevent serious injury.

Mrs. Sabelle Nitti Crudelle was doomed to die by hanging a few days ago. Understanding only the Italian language, the woman was ignorant of her fate for a day, because attendants believed that she would collapse if she were told the truth. She emphatically protested her innocence of the crime which she is convicted of.

Upon being made aware of her fate she collapsed physically and mentally. She was carried, in a semi-conscious condition, to a hospital where she revived before again being incarcerated.

Mrs. Crudelle is the first white woman to be sentenced to death in Chicago.

## GIRLS DRIVING TO YELLOWSTONE

Perish the thought that in the future a man is essential in any way to the happiness of women. Poor man is an outcast and excess baggage to the modern girl of today.

This was demonstrated when Misses Ethel Kockritz, Miss Christine Jewett, Miss Marie Meagher and Miss Carroll Curry, all teachers from Portland and Salem, drove into La Grande with every tire properly inflated, with the engine hitting on all cylinders, and the springs properly graphited.

The young ladies are on their way to Yellowstone. They camp at the tourist camps, they eat bacon and eggs in early morning cooked on the Dutch oven and they do everything in the campers' way. While stopping in La Grande Miss Kockritz and Miss Jewett are guests at the H. E. Dixon home and Miss Meagher and Miss Curry are visiting Roy Curry and wife.

## HUCKLEBERRY OUTLOOK GOOD

ORE, July 11.—It will be about 60 days before huckleberry harvest. Crop promises are excellent. Campers in quest of wild blackberries are appearing here from distant parts.

## The Market

PORTLAND, July 11.—Cattle and hogs steady, choice hams 25 cents higher. Eggs firm and butter weak.

## Flour at Lowest Level

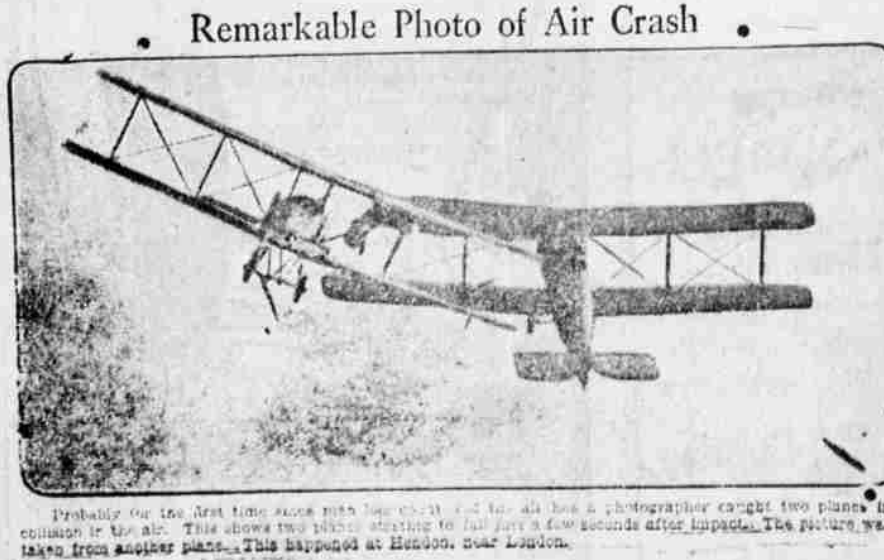
MINNEAPOLIS, July 11.—Flour today broke all previous records in eight years. Family Patents are selling at \$6.00 per barrel in carloads.

## Loganberries Being Sold

PORTLAND, July 11.—Loganberries are selling at \$1.00 per crate today at a special stall in a market arranged by city officials to help the growers move their crop. Canneries refused to accept the loganberries on account of a stock on hands and the high price of sugar.

## \$100,000 IN LIQUOR SEIZED

NEW YORK, July 11.—Since the recent treasury department ruling, seizures of liquor ships coming here from foreign countries under seal, amounting to the worth of drinkables has been seized, customs officials said today.



Remarkable Photo of Air Crash. Probably on the first time since the crash and for all that a photographer caught two planes in collision in the air. This shows two planes striking for a few seconds after impact. The picture was taken from another plane. This happened at London, near London.

## Fliers Tried To Lower Altitude; No Parachute

CLEVELAND, O., July 11.—The navy balloon A-6928 piloted in the national elimination balloon race out of Indianapolis, July 4, by Lieut. Louis J. Roth with Lieut. T. R. Nill, as his aide, evidently dropped into Lake Erie late Thursday night or early Friday.

Lieut. James H. Strong, U. S. N., who went to Port Stanley, Tuesday, and shipped the wrecked balloon and its basket, which with the body of Lieut. Roth were recovered from the lake, to the navy air station at Lakeland, N. J., said on his return Tuesday night that he had come into possession of a journal giving the account of the flight. The last entry was made at 11 o'clock Thursday night. It showed that the balloon was flying at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

Examination of the bag showed that a rip panel had been pulled, Lieut. Strong said. This would indicate, he said, that the airman either were making a forced landing, or were trying to reach a lower altitude. An inventory also found no parachute was carried.

The balloon passed over some islands at 10 o'clock, according to an entry in the journal and flew over Point Pelee, shortly after that hour. It also showed that several shots were fired at the bag as it flew over Indiana.