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## NEW THEATER TO RISE FROM THE ARCADE

Contracts Let for Complete Remodeling of Present Structure.

### STAR TO RUN THE ARCADE PROGRAMS

Modern Features Through-out Will Mark Changes to be Made in the Building.

Fulfilling a plan that they have long had in mind, Don Meyers and Ed Ford, proprietors of the Arcade and Star theatres, have let contracts for the reconstruction and remodeling of the building which will bring it up to a high standard of architecture and make of it a modern theatre.

Next Sunday evening will be the last show given in the Arcade until the new theatre opening is announced. Monday morning Contractor Neilson, who has the job in hand, will put a force of men to work on the remodeling. The roof of the building will be raised to accommodate the enlarged stage which will be reconstructed suitable to care for road shows.

A new front will be installed of late design. The front will be made flush with the sidewalk doing away with the alcove entrance that now exists. It is to carry very pretty designs and lighting effects.

In the interior a mezzanine floor will care for the ladies' rest room, also a general lounging room and offices of the company.

The theatre will be re-seated with the latest model upholstered seats. Decorations will be in Spanish blue and French gray, with new draperies and floor coverings. The balcony will contain two rows of logs seats.

The interior lighting has been designed by Ben Staver, a Seattle, lighting engineer, who will also have charge of the decorating and seating as well as the arrangement of new scenery for the stage.

A fire-proof projection room, designed and erected under specifications of the insurance underwriters will insure safety to the theatre from any accidents in film projection. One of the greatest improvements in the entire scheme which Mr. Ford and Mr. Meyers have studied out for their new theatre is the \$18,000 orchestra organ. Under the entrance to the theatre will be a marquee of excellent design.

It is not expected that the Arcade will be able to reopen until the middle of September, and during the time the theatre is being rebuilt the Star theatre will carry each day and evening the Arcade programs.

Mr. Meyers and Mr. Ford feel a great deal of satisfaction over the plans they have for the Arcade remodeling, and today expressed themselves as very well satisfied with the architectural design which was drawn by Charles Miller, a La Grande architect.

The present Arcade building was erected in 1911 by S. A. Gardiner and it started its career as a theatre under a lease to the People's Amusement Company of Portland, which operated it until 1915. At that time J. D. Meyers and Mrs. O. C. Leiter purchased the lease and later purchased the building.

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## UNION CASHIER NOW RESIGNED

UNION, July 14.—(Special) — Five years faithful and efficient service as cashier of the First National Bank of Union was ended a few days ago when F. S. Slater tendered his resignation. He will be succeeded by J. F. Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson was formerly cashier prior to Mr. Slater's appointment to the position.

Mr. Slater will remain with the bank for several weeks although Mr. Hutchinson will take over his duties at once.

Mr. Slater will, upon leaving the bank, take a much needed vacation then going to some point in the Willamette valley, in order to be near the Oregon Agricultural College where his sons are being educated.

The wishes of many friends go with him and a hearty welcome is ready for the new cashier.

Weather Forecast

Portland, July 14 — Fair, continuing warmer tonight and Sunday.

## Dry Cops Get Motorboats

DETROIT, July 14.—Federal prohibition agents, assisted by representatives of the treasury department, last night and early today seized 200 motorboats of the Eorse, Wyandotte and Trenton in the down river district.

### K. O. M. PICNIC IS IN AUGUST

Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri Association To Meet in Riverside Park August Fifth.

The officers of the Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri Association are looking forward and making arrangements for their tenth annual picnic which will be held the first Sunday of August—August 5—at Riverside Park.

This meeting is held each year for the coming together of all former presidents of the three states, who have come to this part of Oregon, for the purpose of renewing old acquaintances of former days and meeting new arrivals.

All ex-Kansans, Oklahomians and Missourians are cordially invited to bring their filled baskets and "sit in with us on this day" state one of the officers of the association for a fraternal time.

The association will furnish hot coffee, cream, sugar and ice cream. The forenoon will be devoted to the business meeting while the afternoon will be featuring a small program and social intercourse.

Joseph Officer Resigns After Five Years' Service

JOSEPH, July 14.—(Special) — C. R. Patten, Joseph marshal, tendered his badge of authority to the city council at a called meeting this week.

Mr. Patten had been in the city for five years in a peace enforcement capacity and also as street commissioner. Mr. Patten had previously notified the mayor and council of his desire to be relieved of the duties of office by the first of July so the council accepted the resignation and forthwith cut \$25 per month from the salary.

Several applied for the position upon learning of Mr. Patten's resignation but when the \$25 cut became publicly known, the application list dwindled rapidly.

Officers Make Haul at Rieth

Ten Arrested, 3 of Them Women, During Rooming Raid; House Said Disorderly.

PENDLETON, July 14.—Ten persons, seven men and three women, one of the latter only 15 years old, were arrested early this morning at Rieth when a rooming house there was raided by a group of state officers.

The raid is the second within a short time. Charges against the persons seized run all the way from running a public nuisance, disorderly conduct and lewd cohabitation to rape.

Hearings of the defendants were being held this afternoon in the court of Justice W. O. Staver. Nick Andrews and Bessie Powell, charged with a statutory offense, pleaded guilty and were fined \$300 each.

Pete Gunnes, charged with rape, waived examination and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury under bonds of \$750. Max Bateman of Pendleton, also charged with rape, was also bound over under \$750 bonds. Zeno Dickey, charged with rape, was bound over under \$500 bonds.

John Licelani, section foreman, of Echo, charged with illegal possession of liquor, pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for Saturday, and his bond was set at \$125.

Other defendants and the charges they face are as follows: Sam Treat, alleged disorderly conduct.

George Vichas, alleged contributing to delinquency of a minor.

Pasosares, conducting a public nuisance and other charges.

Faner Fanson, who goes under the name of Ben Johnson, is being held for an investigation. He had a number of O-W. R. & N. seals in his pocket.

Grace Turpin, alleged disorderly conduct.

Minnie Strong is held under federal charge.

The Market. PORTLAND, July 14.—Livestock, eggs and butter steady.

## 1200 HOMELESS; FLAMES DEVASTATE IDAHO TOWNS

### CHIMNEY FIRE THOUGHT CAUSE OF DISASTER

One Woman Seriously Injured by Conflagration; Only Casualty Reported Late Friday Evening.

WALLACE, Ida., July 14.—The fire that swept Burke canyon last night, destroying the mining town of Mace and all except the eastern residence district of Burke, was brought under control at 3:30 a. m. today after doing \$1,500,000 damage. About 400 are homeless. No lives are lost. Two persons were burned, neither seriously.

WALLACE, Ida., July 14.—One woman was seriously injured while moving furniture from her home during the fire at Mace Friday. This was the only casualty reported Friday night.

Miners at work in the Hecla and Hercules mines had moved from shafts of the outer works when the shaft houses were swept away by the flames and it was believed that none of them was entrapped.

Besides the mining properties among the most valuable of the building taken by the fire, the structures burned including the Tiger hotel in Burke, the boarding house of the Hecla mine, the Idaho Wholesale company's general store, the Burke Drug company and the Canyon Drug company, the A. Bergstrom clothing store, four restaurants, a motion picture theatre, the Northern Pacific and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company depots and some seven or eight hotels.

It was in these latter structures that many of those now homeless lived. Frantic efforts were made by the miners and families in removing some of their household goods, but they could not work rapidly enough to save much.

First reports were that the fire, like a disastrous conflagration which visited Wallace in 1901, had been started by a forest fire, but it was quite well established Friday night that it originated by a chimney fire in a dwelling house in Mace.

The fire, it was stated, was no nearer than six miles from the Yellowstone trail and first reports that the highway had been cut off and the tourists were in danger were declared to be without foundation.

Editors Climbing Mount Hood. HOOD RIVER, July 14.—Members of the Oregon Editorial Association, attempting to climb Mount Hood with the American Legion, were immersed in a wild-corn storm today. The last batch of stragglers left the homestead at the 3500 foot elevation at noon and are starting a two and one half mile hike to timber up for the real ascent tomorrow. About 300 started.

### Belgians Sentence Three Germans To Die; Fourth Gets Life Imprisonment

AIX LA CHAPPELLE, July 14.—A Belgian court martial here today imposed the death penalty upon three Germans, Count Von Keller, Ludwig and Kingender, and life imprisonment, with hard labor, upon a fourth, Lorber, on their conviction of sabotage.

### Baseball Game Tomorrow

The La Grande Pirates play Cove at La Grande tomorrow afternoon in a league game of much importance. The Evening Observer's sporting page (page 3) in this issue carries a detailed story of the arrangements for the game and its importance.

### TRAYNOR OUTS HOSPITAL WORK

Holger M. Larsen, of Portland, Oregon, formerly district manager for the Gunn Supply company, has accepted the superintendency of the Grande Ronde hospital and will begin his duties in that institution in August.

The place he fills was made vacant by the resignation of Jacob H. Traynor, who leaves La Grande to take charge of the L. D. S. hospital at Idaho Falls, Idaho, an institution of 140 beds and said to be the largest hospital in the entire state of Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Traynor will be missed from La Grande very much, for they are prominent in social circles and are also prominent in L. D. S. church work.

The new superintendent, Mr. Larsen, is also a member of the L. D. S. church. He is not an entire stranger in La Grande as he has been here several times during the past few months.

### OREGON SWELTERING, NEARLY 88 ABOVE

PORTLAND, July 14.—Oregon is again sweltering today. The temperature is expected to go higher than yesterday's maximum of 93 degrees here. The weather bureau expected the hot wave to continue a couple of days.

In La Grande this afternoon at 1:15 o'clock the thermometer registered 87.12 degrees with promise of little variation before a drop was registered. A slight breeze and clouds forecast very little raise here today.

Heat Kills Dalles Woman. THE DALLES, July 14.—The Dalles' first death from the heat came Friday when Mrs. Ellen Stearn dropped dead on the street. A temperature of 92 degrees was reached at four o'clock.

What Quotations. PORTLAND, July 14.—Soft White \$4.05; Western Red \$3.95.

### RICHER THAN CROESUS

Gus Wildhaber Arrested. PORTLAND, July 14.—Gus F. Wildhaber, former president of the United States National Bank of Vale and a stockholder of the First National Bank of Vale, both of which collapsed in 1921, causing losses in Collihour counts, is under arrest at Omaha, Nebraska, according to word received here today by federal district attorney Cooke. The arrest was made on two secret indictments returned by the federal grand jury in Portland recently charging misappropriation of funds.

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### APPROXIMATE DAMAGE NEAR \$1,500,000.00

Mace and Burke Losses Estimated by County Officials; Dynamite Fails To Stop Fire.

WALLACE, Ida., July 14.—Damage fixed by county officials at \$1,500,000 has been done by a fire that sprang up Friday afternoon in the residence district in the town of Mace, Idaho, and fanned by a breeze it blew up the narrow Burke canyon for three quarters of a mile, destroyed the town of Mace and the business district of Burke, a neighboring town.

This evening 1200 persons, it was estimated, had been rendered homeless, the outer workings of the Hecla mine had been destroyed and it appeared impossible to save the outer workings of the Hercules mine the largest silver producer in the west.

SPOKANE, July 14.—The mining logs, Idaho, are reported destroyed (Continued on page 5)

### MaGee Will Fight to Last

SANTA FE, July 14.—Carl C. MaGee, editor of the Albuquerque Tribune, who was sentenced yesterday to 300 days in jail and fined \$7 for contempt of court by District Judge Leahy, at Las Vegas, was here today to see Governor Hinkle, who is being urged from many quarters to call a special session of legislature to sit as a court of impeachment in connection with the political situation in San Miguel county. MaGee's attorney served appeal notice and MaGee asserted he would fight to "break the copper riveted political machine" which he said controls San Miguel county, including Leahy's court. The contempt proceedings resulted from editorials written by MaGee.

### LETUCE FIELDS BUSY SPOTS NOW

JOSEPH, July 14.—Letuce growers are generally thinning their first planting now and day by day acquiring a clearer notion of what it takes to run a garden on a large scale. The thinning has been considered a critical stage in raising letuce, for it presents the first continued hard work, and is so early in the history of the crop that faint hearts have been known to yield.

It had been said that a man could thin an acre a day, but the results to date are about one-fifth of that rate. Perhaps the men and boys will gain skill with further practice; they hope so while they fear the season will be over before they learn to make any speed at this work.

May Get Carnegie Medal. ONTARIO, July 14.—E. E. Arnold, formerly a resident of Ontario, may be awarded a Carnegie hero medal according to the Evening Herald of Los Angeles. The bravery displayed by Arnold in saving the life of Jack Hull at Idaho Falls in May, 1921, was brought to the attention of the Carnegie Foundation by local people and Maurice Floto, agent of the foundation, was here recently, seeking Arnold.

### Portland Woman President Of Business Women's Club

Although Miss Adella Pritchard, who was elected to the presidency of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs association, now makes her home in the Rose City and therefore is known as a "Portland" resident, she is in reality a La Grande.

Miss Pritchard made her home in La Grande about twenty years ago, spending her girlhood in Union county. At that time her step-father, Ed Gilbert, owned and operated the Grande Ronde Meat Market and Miss Pritchard was employed in the clerical department of the concern. The meat market later passed into the hands of the present owners.

While in La Grande she made her home where F. S. Robinson now lives, at the foot of the Fourth Street hill. She also resided at Cove for several years before going to western Oregon.

PORTLAND, July 14.—Miss Adella Pritchard of Portland, Ore., was elected president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs, Dallas, Texas, will probably be chosen as the site of next year's convention.

Other officers elected were: Olive Joy Wright of Cleveland,

## 12-Hour Day Is Promised

NEW YORK, July 14.—Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel corporation today stated that the abolition of the 12-hour day in the steel industry, recently pledged by President Harding, would be begun in the next six weeks. He made no announcement as to machinery already set in motion to abolish the 12-hour day nor estimated the number of workers affected within the six weeks period.

### RING, LOST IN TANK, IS FOUND

Valuable Circlet Recovered when Country Club Swimming Tank is Drained.

Friday the Thirteenth is an unlucky day—or at least friends of Mrs. Charles Binger believe so. But they, and Mrs. Binger also, believe that Saturday, the fourteenth is a lucky enough to more than make up for idiosyncrasies of the first mentioned day.

And this is the story: The Country Club swimming tank is beyond all doubt one of the most popular pleasure spots in or near La Grande at present in its line. And yesterday evening, about 6:30 o'clock, Mrs. Binger and a number of friends were enjoying the pleasures of a plunge in the refreshing waters when—Mrs. Binger discovered that her diamond ring, which she had been wearing, was gone!

She treasured the ring very highly and believing that it had fallen from her finger while in swimming, she notified the Country Club authorities who promptly started draining the water from the tank.

Flashlight Locates Ring. Mrs. Binger then returned to La Grande and following a social affair which she attended she returned to the swimming tank, which was now devoid of water. A flashlight was pressed into service and a few minutes after the midnight hour (and the passing of Friday the Thirteenth) the ring was located in a crack in the bottom of the tank.

Mrs. Binger was indeed fortunate, in the opinion of her acquaintances, in recovering the ring inasmuch as the tank floor is full of fair sized cracks and also due to the fact that while the tank is being drained, the outrush of water would in most circumstances, carry such an article with it.

But all's well that ends well!

### WILL SCRAP BATTLESHIPS

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### BAY PASSAGE NAMED AFTER PRESIDENT

"Harding Gateway" To Resurrection Bay To Go On Alaskan Maps. PRESIDENT LANDS AT SEWARD FRIDAY

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The president responded, saying the scene was the most impressive he had yet witnessed on his northern trip and that he accepted the honor gratefully, as he preferred that his name be given to that passageway than to any mountain or body of water yet visited by the party.

Spends Night at Anchorage. The presidential travelers and their companions came ashore from the transport Henderson, on which they left Skagway and steamed across the Gulf of Alaska. They were to spend Friday night at Anchorage, a hundred miles north of here, on the Alaska railroad.

Plans of the president after visiting Fairbanks, nearly 500 miles in the interior, were uncertain Friday night. It was believed that at least some members of the party would go over the Richardson highway in automobiles to Chitina, the interior terminus of the Copper River & Northwestern railroad, a trip planned for the president and then considered by some of his advisers to be too severe.

A hearty welcome was given the presidential party by its inhabitants as well as to become the greatest port in Alaska. The city is on Resurrection bay and is the terminus of the Old Alaska Northern railroad bought by former President Wilson as the first link in the Alaska railroad.

Battle Fleet Gathers. PORT ANGLETER, Wash., July 14. (Continued on page 5)

Session Adjourns. Friday was the final business session of the convention. Friday night a banquet was given at the auditorium. Saturday most of the delegates will tour the Columbia River highway.

The federation will affiliate with the International Council of Women as a result of the adoption of a resolution at the convention here Friday.

The resolution, as proposed from the floor by Mrs. Lena Lake Forest of Detroit, retiring president, was unanimously approved.

A resolution was proposed by the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs asking that the federal income tax exemption for unmarried persons be increased from \$1000 to \$1500 was unanimously adopted.

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