

Local News In Brief

COMING EVENTS

September 1—Labor day celebration here.
Sept. 8.—La Grande schools open 1924-25 term.
Nov. 11—Armistice Day celebration here.

On Fishing Trip

Joe Reynolds, Tige Larsen and Floyd Smith will leave this evening for a two weeks' fishing trip on the Big Miamin river. They will go to Cove and take pack horses back the 28 miles to the river.

Come Strip Delayed

The comic strip "Moin'n Pop" that is published daily in the Evening Observer, along with the "Glad Town" feature failed to arrive today and as a result, the spaces usually occupied by them are vacant. Both features will be resumed Monday.

To California

Arthur Van Fleet, accompanied by Ed Ford will leave by car this evening for San Francisco, where Mr. Ford will meet his wife who has been visiting in California for several weeks. Mr. Van Fleet expects to go on Los Angeles to spend the winter recuperating from a hand operation which he underwent several weeks ago.

Visiting Here

Stanley E. Ray and family of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Minnie Sparks of Portland, are the house guests of Conductor and Mrs. A. Ray of this city. Stanley Ray, employed by the San Diego Tribune, and Mrs. Sparks are the brother and sister of Mr. Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Ray are on an auto trip through the Northwest.

Fire Call

The fire department was called out twice during the last 24 hours. Once at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon to a grass fire on the corner of Third and G streets and once at 4:49 o'clock this morning to a barn at 3208 north Third street. The barn was almost burned down before the alarm was turned in. It was owned by H. C. Harsh, an employee of the Bowman-Hicks company.

A Day's Vacation

A newspaperman must have a brief vacation just the same, as anyone else. So today, after getting on the weekly issue of the Union-Republician yesterday, Geo. Seibert, editor and owner of the paper, came to La Grande for a short business and pleasure trip. But Monday the work must begin for another issue so he could not tarry long.

To Build Home

A building permit was taken out by C. A. Newkirk this morning for the building of a dwelling on N. avenue between Willow street and the railroad tracks. The house is to cost \$2500.

Returns from Seattle

E. D. Towler, principal of La Grande high school, arrived today from Seattle to make arrangements for the opening of school.

Visited at the Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Loney of La Grande were visitors at Wallowa Lake yesterday. They were accompanied by some friends and drove in just to rest their eyes on the scenery for a few hours. Mr. Loney has been the successful leader of the La Grande Municipal band for several seasons and has recently returned from taking a six weeks' course in directing at a prominent Chicago school. While in Chicago Mr. Loney signed up for a three months' tour with Kyril's band, one of the leading concert organizations of the country. This will necessitate his giving up the

La Grande band, temporarily at least, but is an opportunity to gain a lot of experience in big company. Mr. Loney is an excellent cornetist and will hold a chair in that section of Kyril's band. Joseph Herold.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Milson Taylor of San Francisco and Mrs. K. E. Riley of Portland were registered at the Somerset hotel yesterday. They went out on the branch line this morning.

Mrs. George Marx and three children of Portland, arrived last evening from Portland to visit with Mrs. Marx's sister, Mrs. C. L. Jod.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chapman, Miss Dorothy Chapman, H. S. Howard and H. S. Howard III, Portland tourists registered at the Foley hotel yesterday.

J. H. Proffit and John McMoran were registered at the Foley hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Trump and children of Wallawa are visiting at the C. T. Lindsey home.

CAR ACCIDENT WAS SERIOUS

UNION, Ore., (Special)—Last Wednesday night while driving a small Ford truck down the canyon south of Union and near the Tony Hempe ranch met with a very serious accident. One of the tires blew up and he lost control of the machine, which proceeded to turn turtle and smash into the rocks at the side of the road. After the accident was over it was found that Mr. Day was seriously injured and the car was a wreck. Two wheels, the windshield, steering wheel, top, carburetor, fenders and several other parts of the auto were totally smashed and it is a wonder that the injuries to the driver were not more serious than they were.

The Ed Miller family are spending most of this week camping at the Meadows. They went Tuesday and returned the latter part of the week.

PLAN ALL-DAY PARK PICNIC

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic people of Union, Umatilla, Wallowa and Baker counties have planned an all-day picnic at the La Grande city park for Sunday, August 10th at which time prominent speakers and a special program for the day have been arranged.

It is to be an old-fashioned picnic where everyone brings a basket and the dinner will be served in community style. The picnic is not confined to knights and the Catholic people entirely (as today they issued an invitation to anyone who would enjoy being present).

Many a wonderful press agent has been sacrificed to make a mediocre presidential aspirant.

JUDGE GIVES GAME LAW OPINION

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ing waged between the protective forces and the thousands who carelessness in a season of extreme drought is continuing to jeopardize industry, resources and human life. The acuteness of the situation in the coast states varies daily with local weather conditions. In one region and then another are alarming outbreaks which seldom remain long out of control, but there is a growing danger that control will be lost, resulting in appalling conflagrations unless there is rain or some way is found to stop the starting the man-made fires.

Most regions, except along the ocean, have unprecedented dryness so the forests are almost explosive. Fires from logging operations are fewer because many camps are closed and others have become watchful but smokers, vacationists, settlers, berry-pickers and incendiaries are responsible for fires that are taxing to the utmost the largest and most expensive protective organization that government, states and forest owners have ever employed. Absence of protracted winds or extreme sudden drops of humidity is adding in controlling these outbreaks. So far timber losses for the coast as a whole have not been above normal, nor, probably have losses of logs and equipment. The great damage to reforesting areas and to general community property is already far above normal, as is also the tremendous expenditure being incurred for patrol and fire-fighting.

"Ways of emphasizing and reducing the almost inexplainable criminal carelessness with fire at such a time are engaging the attention of authorities everywhere. Although the subject has received much publicity and public opinion is generally aroused, the carelessness of thousands of man-made fires is being taken as evidence that a minority cannot be reached by ordinary methods and it may become necessary to stop use of the forests if they cannot be used without destruction. Many of the governing areas are already closed to visitors and in some states there is serious consideration of invoking trespass laws and of stopping hunting and fishing, that is, unless rain soon intervenes. Detected violators of the fire laws are receiving short shrift. In many instances highway travelers have been stopped and impressed to fight fire.

"It will be a disappointment to the hunters if the deer season does not open on schedule, but the emergency justifies that disappointment. The safety of our forests should receive consideration above the pleasure of the hunters."

TOM GIBBONS WINS IN 3RD WITH "KAYO"

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Marshfield, second down three times in the week and twice in the final round.

NEED ORGANIZATION.

If farmers were as tightly organized as manufacturers they could speedily remedy this trouble as many of the manufacturers are now doing. They could be their own middle men, their own wholesalers, brokers and commission men, and absorb the distributing profits. But the farmers are not as organized and it will be a long time before they will be, and until such time as agriculture is able to hold its own under the organization system, it would seem to be the duty of municipal, state and national governments to intervene and stop the exploitation.

NEW TODAY

NOTICE.
Due to difficulty experienced in collecting charges for advertising that is listed under classified advertising and under the "new today" heading, the Evening Observer will hereafter take no classified advertising or advertising to be run as "new today" unless the advertising is accompanied by cash.

FOR SALE—New large home on the hill. Call 285-W. 8-9-11p

LOST—Dark brown leather purse. Name Hamilton. Bait on inside. Reward \$10.00. Return to E. L. Holmes, 308 Adams Ave. 8-9-11p

FOR RENT—Housekeeping rooms. Light and reasonable. 1914 2nd street. 8-9-11p

FOR SALE—Nine room modern home, furnished. Suitable for boarding house or large family. Will take in term, wagon and harness. 1115 V Ave. 8-9-11p

FOR RENT—Nice modern 6-room home at 2414 N. Fourth. Phone 217-W. 8-9-11p

FOR SALE—1 acre land, good barn 18x20 ft., well water. Good new brush and maple streets. Close to Greenwood school. A bargain. Inquire 2403 Spruce St. 8-9-11p

FOR SALE—1923 Ford coupe in Al condition. Many accessories. Beach ignition and Stromberg. Will sell cheap if taken at once. Imperial Billiard Parlor. 8-9-11p

FOR SALE—Cheap. Good building lot corner First and M. P. S. Lyon, Box 441, Baker, Ore. 8-9-11p

Will the Elements Win?



PUTS IN EXTRA LARGE SCALES

"We can weigh anything that can be hauled on a highway now," said W. G. Sawyer of the Sawyer-Holmes company today when he was asked by a reporter for the Evening Observer about the new scales his company is having installed.

Marshfield Men Buy Property in Hermiston

HERMISTON, Ore., (Special).—A big deal, two deals in one, has just been completed here in which E. A. Cheek and J. L. Parker, both have sold their mercantile establishments to John Brothers of Marshfield, Ore. The consideration was about \$40,000. E. A. Cheek sold his feed store, grocery store and meat market, and two-story brick building, including warehouse and also three ranches on the project, valued in total at over \$20,000, and J. L. Parker sold his grocery store and meat market and refrigerated plant, valued at around \$17,500, both to the same people. Investors are not being taken and the businesses will be combined and operated under one management. Many changes will be made in each store and the stocks of goods will be increased and departments added.

OREGON MORTGAGES.

The United States census bureau gave the total of Oregon farm mortgages as \$51,599,175. In the year 1920, State Treasurer Jefferson Myers gives the total now as \$58,000,000—an increase of \$6,400,825 in four years, \$12,000,000 a year. And in face of these figures men and money are working hard to defeat the law passed by the last legislature forbidding the manufacture of counterfeit butter in the state. "Butting has been the straw that many of us farmers have held up on for some time past," writes a farmer to the state market agent "and now they would take away a part of this profit for the benefit of one or two meat packing concerns which want to get big profits on a counterfeit butter by-product." Farmers should more realize the importance of beating this referendum on the also law for it will mean a market for millions of pounds more of butter.

Former Harrovians Travel Far For Annual Ball and Banquet

LONDON, (AP).—The largest annual ball which takes place in London during the season, is the Harrov Ball. Always the occasion for a great reunion of old Harrovians, as many as possible of the old pupils of the famous make an effort to attend.

WHEAT AND OATS YIELD IS BETTER

Year	Average
1924	
Winter Wheat	13,705,000 bu.
Spring wheat	1,932,000 bu.
Oats	7,776,000 bu.
Barley	2,211,000 bu.
Potatoes	3,440,000 bu.
Hay	1,235,000 T.
Apples, com.	3,925,000 bu.
Prunes, dried	35,000,000 lbs.
Hops	8,225,000 lbs.
1923	
Winter wheat	21,927,000 bu.
Spring wheat	3,982,000 bu.
Oats	10,617,000 bu.
Barley	2,265,000 bu.
Potatoes	4,215,000 bu.
Hay	2,214,000 T.
Apples, com.	6,250,000 bu.
Prunes, dried	37,000,000 lbs.
Hops	11,100,000 lbs.
Five-Year Average (1918-22)	
Winter wheat	16,556,000 bu.
Spring wheat	3,948,000 bu.
Oats	8,448,000 bu.
Barley	2,495,000 bu.
Potatoes	4,869,000 bu.
Hay	1,892,000 T.
Apples, com.	3,465,000 bu.
Prunes, dried	38,600,000 lbs.
Hops	7,724,000 lbs.

Winter Wheat.

Oregon 1924 grain harvest was nearly two weeks earlier than usual, hence numerous yield figures on winter wheat and winter oats were available by August 1st. In the eastern part of the state there were many disappointing fields. In numerous instances "comblines" were started and pulled out of the field after a few rounds had demonstrated that the fields would not pay to cut. Yet often in the same general vicinity there were fields with fully an average crop. It appears that the average which was needed rather early, and which made a good winter growth made up the higher producing fields while late fall and early winter mowed areas generally gave poor yields.

In the western part of the state winter wheat growers quite generally secured yields in excess of expectations just prior to harvest. While there were many unprofitable yields (8 to 10 bu. per acre) 25 and 40 bushels per acre yields were quite frequent, and an occasional yield of 60 bushels per acre seem to be authentic. Perhaps never before has the value of first class handling of the soil been so apparent. As a specific instance, one field of 30 acres in Marion county was thoroughly cultivated during the summer of 1923 for the main purpose of killing out persistent growing weeds. In the fall of 1923 this field was mowed to winter wheat, and when threshed during the latter part of July, 1924, yielded full 60 bushels per acre.

The United States winter wheat crop showed some improvement during July, and is now estimated at 243,000,000 bushels compared with 243,000,000 bushels on July 1, 1924, and 252,000,000 bushels a year ago. Spring wheat also made a good gain and the crop is now forecasted at 225,000,000 bushels compared with 197,000,000 bushels a month ago, and 225,000,000 bushels a year ago.

Spring Wheat.

Oregon spring wheat is a very short crop. Hardly enough threshing of this crop has been done to get much of a line on yields, but all are agreed that they will be light. In fact a very large percentage of the acreage will not be cut, and another considerable percentage was cut for hay, producing a very light yield, perhaps half a ton per acre in favorable instances. Fall sown oats and early sown spring fields have produced surprisingly well considering the dryness of the season. Numerous 50 bushel per acre yields are reported with occasional small tracts run-

TO OPEN BIDS ON TWO SPANS

A bids for the erection of two bridges across the Grande Ronde river in the valley will be opened by the county at two o'clock Monday afternoon.

One bridge is to be erected on what is known as Pierce Lane and the other is what is known as the Philip Conley bridge. The work involves the removal of the bridge now located at the Black Flat crossing of the Grande Ronde River, near Perry, transporting and erecting same at the Pierce Lane crossing and the building of a masonry foot span at the Philip Conley crossing.

Wheat may go to \$1.50 per bushel net to the farmers, as many of them expect it will, or a drop may come and farmers may again save a cent below the cost of production, but if every bushel harvested this year netted the farmer \$1.50, the trouble with agriculture would not be cured. The trouble place is between the manufacturer and his workman on one side and the farmer on the other. The cost of this middle road is too big, the farmer simply can't pay it, and stay on the farms. There has got to be more than a high-price-of-wheat remedy. A retail market price of \$2 for which the producer received but \$1 is a load that is surely breaking his back. It is a system under which the farmer is asked to work for less and less as that a greater army of middle interests may live on the between-profit.

GRAIN THEFT NIPPED AND MAN JAILED

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wheat and left. But, again DeMoss returned with another load of wheat but Mr. Kiddle had become thoroughly suspicious when it was discovered that the wheat was in some sacks with blue stripes, similar to ones that had been disposed of to Mr. Grinnett.

So Sheriff Lee Warnick had been called and Mr. Grinnett was notified. Mr. Grinnett at first didn't think he had lost any wheat but upon investigation found about four loads missing.

Man Arrested.

Thereupon Sheriff Warnick asked DeMoss where he had "raised the wheat." DeMoss replied, "Get in the car and I'll show you," reports claim. So Sheriff Warnick, deputies, and DeMoss drove away, going to Hinhart.

Sheriff Warnick then stated that "there was no wheat around here."

"Then it's up to you to find it," DeMoss replied, adding that it would be "a feather" in the sheriff's cap if he could do so. With out further investigation DeMoss was placed under arrest, brought to La Grande and incarcerated in the county jail.

A series of wheat thefts have been reported during this season but the one yesterday is the largest yet to come to the attention of authorities.

Arch Conley is reported to have lost some wheat and several other farmers have lost small quantities.

One theory held relative to the smaller thefts is that the wheat was loaded into cars, three, four or five sacks at a time, and then taken away.

As a general thing a nervous breakdown is the price man pays for taking himself too seriously.

What excuse did Kimes have to grab territory in the old days before national honor was invented?

NEW LOT

Under Arm Bags

In New Styles

\$2.50 to \$12.50

French & Greene

Reedcraft Leather Handbags

The Best Made
Superior in leathers and workmanship.

The L & L Drug Co.

See the Window

YOUR LUNCH HOUR can be converted into a period of real satisfaction if you meet your friends here, because we offer ideal dining environment plus excellent meals, a new seating plan and lower prices. Self service means no delays, more time to talk and a lunch that you will like.

Caterers Service
11:30 to 1:30

THE BLACK CAT

Something New

A gift for a baby that will please any mother. A dainty box including a bib, rubber pants and a pair of garters.

Art & Baby Shop

"Everything for the Baby"

REWEAVING Hotel Sommer, Bldg. STAMPING

Star 'Strongheart'

TODAY SUNDAY

The Wonder Dog in
"THE LOVE MASTER"

Wednesday and Thursday
"TO THE LADIES"

Directed by James Cruze who directed
"The Covered Wagon"

Last Day

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, AT CLINT'S BIG

Stock Reducing and Money Raising SALE

COME IN AND SAVE

Make your \$ save dollars for you on this high-grade line of Quality Merchandise for men and boys.
50 Suits, Values to \$16.50
SPECIAL \$25.00

10% to 50% REDUCTION THROUGHOUT OUR STORE—NOTHING RESERVED

CLINT'S CLOTHIERY

"THE STORE WITH A CONSCIENCE"

TONIGHT "BIG BROTHER"

ARCADÉ VAUDEVILLE

SUNDAY ONLY

LIGHTNER & YOUNG —In— "The Love Expert"

TOM MAHONEY —In— Songs and Stories

SPORTLAND REVIEW And COMEDY

GRIPP & SATCHELL —In— "The Ethiopian Blues Chasers"

LOCKHART & KIEFER —In— Whirlwind Skating Novelty

ORCHESTRA OVERTURE, "LA CARMEN"

SPORTLAND REVIEW And COMEDY

Coming Wednesday HAROLD LLOYD in "GIRL SHY"