

REIGN OF HORSE NOW USHERED IN

Thoroughbreds, Valued at Thousands, Displayed at Union

CATTLE EXHIBITS ARE PRAISEWORTHY

Opening Day, Despite Inclement Weather, Forecasts Big Success for 17th Annual Show.

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Clear skies and the arrival of a large number of spectators from La Grande today at noon gave promise of a record day.

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Any one who has the idea that the horse is being supplanted by the automobile should attend the seventeenth annual stock show here.

Weather married, to some extent, the opening day of the annual livestock show—especially in relation to the attendance. Less than 1,000 persons were seated in the stands for the afternoon performance of the track, which is not a normal first day crowd in fair weather.

After a mediocre opening, but with fair weather today and promise of more for the final day, the show is bound to be a big success.

Hundreds of head of stock—

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E. O. WILSON FOUND GUILTY

E. O. Wilson was sentenced at two o'clock this afternoon to pay a fine of \$300 and serve a minimum of two years in the state penitentiary.

Dr. E. O. Wilson was found guilty on a statutory charge by the circuit court jury yesterday afternoon. The attorneys for the defense waived final argument and placed the case before the jury about 2 o'clock yesterday.

The jury was out nearly six hours before returning the verdict of guilty as charged. The attorneys for the defense have announced that the case will be appealed to the higher courts.

Dr. Wilson had been convicted once before in the circuit court here before Judge Eakin but carried the case to the supreme court and obtained a reversal of decision calling for a retrial.

Green and Hoss, F. S. Ivanhoe and Jesse Crum were the attorneys for the defense and E. H. Ringo and Carl G. Helm conducted the prosecution.

Bids Let on Two Jobs By City Commissioners

The city commission meeting last evening in the city hall was strictly a business session. All three commissioners, A. T. Hill, president of the city and H. P. Landis and Charles Hays were present.

Commissioner Hill first read the official proclamation of the results of the municipal election June 2nd and the commissioners passed a motion authorizing the results incorporated in the minutes of the meeting. The official canvass of the polling was also read and adopted.

Bids on improvement district number 158 were opened and C. J. Hildbrand bid of \$1,225.00 was accepted. Other bids submitted were: P. J. Jolly, \$2,022.24; G. Peterson, \$2,040.12; and C. Hildbrand, \$2,055.58.

The city manager was authorized to take down the signs at the mu-

Guard Unit On Way To Camp Today

La Grande Company Gets An Early Start—to Reach Medford Tomorrow Morning.

Residents of the down town vicinity had a great deal of difficulty getting in their 40 trucks from about five o'clock on this morning until 6:20 when the train left carrying the members of the La Grande National Guard Company and also the Baker guard company.

Reveille was sounded at 20 minutes after four o'clock and was supposed to have awakened all the members of the company. Some of them, donning their uniforms considerably later, however.

Before leaving, the men of the company were treated to breakfast at the local restaurants and then boarded the special train to Medford. The company will arrive in Portland about five o'clock this afternoon and at Medford some time before noon tomorrow.

The guard companies from all over the state will be assembled at Camp Jackson just outside of Medford. The La Grande men are due back here on the morning of June 26.

2500 NATIONAL GUARDS MOVE ON CAMP JACKSON

SALEM (By the Associated Press)—National guard troops of the 18th infantry brigade from 29 Oregon cities began to move on Camp Jackson, near Medford, this morning.

The 2500 men to camp in Oregon and the 300 forming the heavy artillery will move to Fort Leary, California.

Troops from Baker left this morning while those from La Grande and Tillamook entrained a little later, and the Willamette valley outfit will entrain in the afternoon, and those from Portland Thursday night.

New Fish Ladder at Perry Dam Operating

The new fish ladder at the Perry dam was opened yesterday and is now in use.

The installation of this ladder will have a very beneficial effect on the fishing in the upper Grande Ronde and tributaries, in the opinion of local sportsmen.

Pendleton to Send Many to Stock Show

State Senator Henry J. Taylor, one of the Democrats of Umatilla county that consistently wins out at the polls, motored to Union today to attend the stock show.

Mr. Taylor will be in the city tomorrow. He declared that Pendleton expects to send a large crowd to the show tomorrow—Pendleton day, and also declared that the wheat crop in Umatilla county is looking promising.

Mrs. Taylor will join her husband at Union tomorrow.

Two Fined by Justice On Traffic Violations

J. K. Wilson was fined \$25 and costs for driving with an expired license plate, by Judge Hugh E. Brady of the justice court this morning.

Stewart Bergelohus paid a fine of \$25 and costs yesterday for switching license plates. Incidentally Mr. Bergelohus was Officer Alton G. Dunn's first victim since his appointment as state traffic officer.

FALSE ALARM

A false alarm was turned in from box 23 shortly after 7 o'clock last evening. The alarm was the second false alarm in two nights.

On Tuesday the fire truck was called to the corner of 17th and T to box 21 and no fire was discovered.

An ordinance calling for the vacation of Third street at the intersection of O Avenue was read for the third time and adopted.

Resolutions creating a sewer district, number 1-12 were read and adopted. An affidavit by the city recorder that no objections to the granting of the franchise to the Home Independent Telephone company had been received, was read and filed. The ordinance revoking the franchise for the phone company was read for the first time and laid on the table until the next meeting of the commission.

Bills for the month of May were presented and allowed.

FAIR WHEAT HARVEST IN STATE SEEN

Condition of Oregon Grain Crops Probably Never Better

WINTER-KILLING CUTS DOWN YIELD

Hay Acreage Somewhat Less This Year; Fruit Crop Prospects for U. S. Not Bright.

PORTLAND, Ore. — While the condition of Oregon grain crops was probably never better than they are this year, the fact that so much of the wheat crop is spring seeded, owing to the very severe winter killing of the fall seedling, will prevent the harvest of anything like a bumper crop. Growers generally do not expect one year with another, that the yield per acre of spring wheat will be in excess of 75 percent of the per acre yield of winter wheat.

WHEAT The Oregon winter wheat acreage remaining for harvest appears to be about 234,000 acres, which at this time gives promise of a yield of about 22 bushels per acre, on a total production of 5,122,000 bushels. The spring seeded acreage is now estimated at about 825,000 acres, with a condition of 109 percent, which indicates a yield of 17 bushels per acre or a total production of about 14,025,000 bushels. The 1924 crop was estimated at 15,430,000 bushels, and the 1923 crop at about 28,000,000 bushels.

The United States winter wheat crop is now estimated at 407,157,000 bushels, compared with 444,825,000 forecast a month ago, 290,000,000 bushels last year, and a five year average of 292,000,000 bushels. The spring wheat crop for 1925 is estimated at 253,729,000 bushels, compared with a production last year of 251,000,000 bushels, and a five year average of 245,000,000 bushels. The United States total for 1925 is therefore 661,000,000 or 212,000,000 bushels less than the 1924 crop, and 178,000,000 bushels less than the five year average.

OATS The Oregon oat acreage is estimated at 283,000 acres, which is an increase of 7 per cent over the 1924 acreage. Condition of the crop is placed at 95 per cent of normal, which indicates a total production of about 5,537,000 bushels. This is slightly above the average of the past three years.

The United States oat crop for 1925 is estimated at 44,467,000 acres and a total production of 1,234,445,000 bushels compared with a production of 1,542,000,000 bushels last year.

BARLEY

The Oregon barley acreage is estimated to have increased 60 per cent over last year. This is due largely to the seeding of barley on lands where winter wheat grows. The acreage is placed at 185,000 acres.

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KELSO BEATEN BY PIRATES

The Pirate game with the Kelso club yesterday afternoon was a Pollyanna affair—everyone had something to be glad about. The Pirates were glad they won, 3 to 4, the fans were glad that it didn't rain and even the Kelso team was glad at least should have been glad the La Grande club didn't beat it any worse.

At times before the last half of the ninth inning things didn't look quite so bright. When the Pirates came to bat in the final stanza with the sun just going down behind the hills Kelso was two great big runs in the lead. The bat boy was packing up and the fans in the grandstand were looking for their wraps, preparing to go sadly home.

Dutch Holts, first man on strike out, pitched great ball. But Gene Rube Davis, who went into the game in the fifth inning in place of Alexander, smacked a heavy one out to left field. Rickard's fielder followed Davis and he too, gave the men one to handle. In attempting to put over a double play on second, Rube Kelso struck Holts, made the one error that cost his team the game and with two men on base, Lefty Hartman poked out a three-base hit.

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U.S. SHIP FIRED ON BY CHINESE

Pampanga, American Gunboat, Returns Fire—No Casualties

FIGHT FOR CANTON CONTINUES TODAY

Sanguinary Battle During Night Resulted in Many Dead; Surprise Attack Repulsed.

CANTON (By the Associated Press)—The American gunboat Pampanga was fired on today near Whampoa while conveying a launch belonging to the Canton Christian college. The Pampanga returned the fire. No casualties were reported.

Rival forces continued the battle for the possession of Canton today with new fury as tolling horns reflected in increased casualties.

A force of the attacking Cantonese troops were shot last night when a surprise landing was attempted. Heavy casualties resulted and at dawn many bodies were seen in the river.

Additional foreign gunboats have arrived, making a total of ten.

TROOPS MOVING TODAY

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—About 1000 Manchurian troops under General Chang Hsueh-liang, son of Chang Tso Lin, Mag-chun was lord, are moving today from Nanking to Shanghai ostensibly to maintain order on the border of the foreign settlement and to strengthen his father's grip on the Shanghai region.

PEKING (By the Associated Press)—The Chinese foreign office in a note today to foreign diplomatic corps rejected the latter's arguments that the foreign police at Shanghai acted deliberately in firing upon Chinese demonstrators recently. The note declared the foreign authorities at Shanghai should immediately raise the state of siege existing there, should re-embark all foreign marines, dis-

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FLAG PROGRAM WILL BE HELD

Ralph Swagler, prominent Ontario, Oregon, attorney, will make the main address at the R. P. O. Ellis Flag Day exercises to be held in the Ellis's building next Sunday.

The exercises will start at eight o'clock Sunday evening with a patriotic program as well as the main talk scheduled. Members of the committee in charge are: H. E. Dixon, chairman, L. H. Hranawell, Belle Green, Jess Andrews and Ray Williams.

Cost of Living Shows Increase in Past Year

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Material increases in the cost of living in the past 12 months are shown in a comparison of prices which the state board has compiled for state institutions at the present time with prices paid a year ago.

The most radical increase is noted in bacon prices which show a gain of more than 100 percent from \$15 per hundred-weight a year ago to \$30.30 on present bids.

Worse Than Income Tax

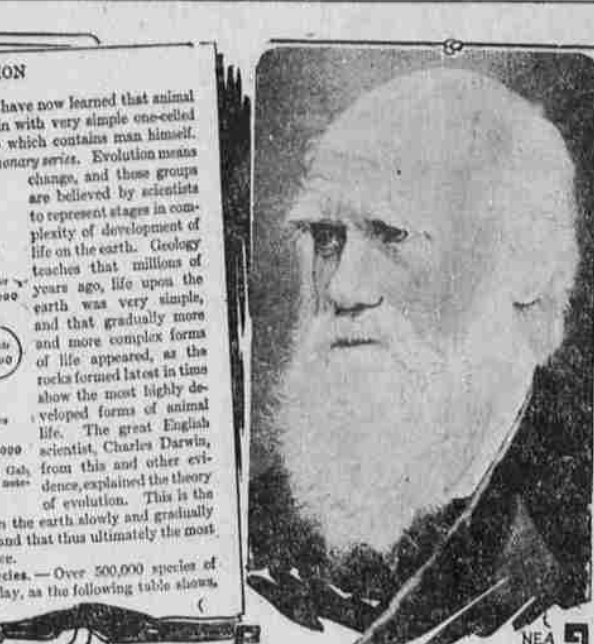
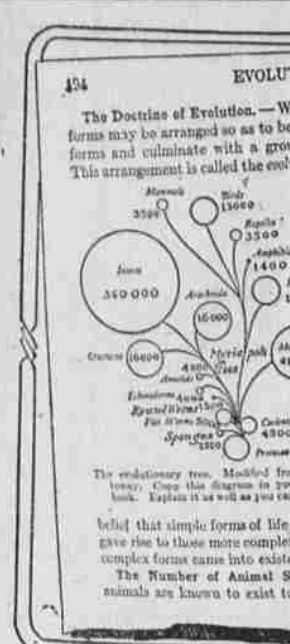
There's no law against earning money and accumulating a good income each year—nor is there a law against your ignoring advertisements regularly. But each means that you must pay a tax.

The tax collected for failure to have a knowledge of the advertisements is greater than an income tax might be—and it's collected regularly in lost savings and inferior values. Thrifty shoppers follow the ads regularly—it pays.

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This Caused Scopes Indictment



Upper: That is what started all the trouble. It is a page from George W. Hunter's 'Civic Biology' text book, which John T. Scopes used in his classes at Dayton, Tenn., and for which he was indicted as a violator of the anti-evolution law.



SPAIN PLANS TO TAKE BASE

FEZ, French Morocco (By the Associated Press)—Decisive action against the invading Rifians is regarded as imminent, due to Spain's intention to land a force of men, reported to number 20,000, in an attempt to seize the naval base of Alhuceman, now held by the Moors.

The Rifians are preparing to resist the movement to the utmost.

MELILLA, Spanish Morocco (By the Associated Press)—Native reports here say that more than 400 rebels have been killed in the fighting near Marashin. French airplanes assisted in the operations.

FEZ, French Morocco (By the Associated Press)—Abd-El-Krim, rebel chief, apparently desires to provide M. Painleve, French premier, with an adequate reception on his arrival in the fighting zone in Morocco. The official communique issued yesterday evening said: "Abd-El-Krim is now attacking the French along a 60 mile front."

THAW RETURNS TO BROADWAY

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Traffic was jammed this morning when Harry E. Thaw, who returned to Broadway last night after a week's absence, emerged from a cabaret.

He spent the evening and early morning there doing nothing much but responding to the welcome of the flirts below and sipping tea, coffee and champagne.

Several hundred curious persons crowded the doors to see him. He left for the evening as 5:55.

OREGON TRIPS CAUSED HUGE LOSS LAST MONTH

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The fire in the state building during the month of May, exclusive of Portland, caused an estimated loss of \$455,738.22, according to the report of M. M. Moore, state fire marshal.

Hood River lost its apple factory and warehouse with a combined loss of \$205,000, while Klaskanville evenly reported the loss of a sawmill valued at \$150,000.

Scientist Hopes Scopes Will be Found Guilty

XTRA

AL SMITH TO RETIRE

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (AP)—Governor Al Smith will retire from politics at the end of his present term, says an Albany dispatch to the Syracuse Herald today. The Herald says it understands that Smith will accept an offer of \$50,000 a year from the New York World to write on political and humanitarian topics.

CABINET FORMED

BRUSSELS (AP)—Viscount Poullet today succeeded in forming a new Belgian cabinet.

BONDS FURNISHED

SHANGHAI (AP)—Chinese students charged with being involved in recent disturbances today were relieved by mixed courts at the conclusion of their trial to furnish bonds guaranteeing their good behavior.

GUARDSMEN MOVE

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Moving in eight special trains, Oregon National Guardsmen from 28 Oregon towns are on their way to Camp Jackson, near Medford for their annual maneuvers. Brigadier General White declared today he expected an attendance at this year's encampment to break all previous records with more than 2500 men at Camp Jackson, with 300 more at heavy artillery maneuvers at Fort Barry, California.

SOVIET AID REVEALED

CANTON (AP)—Yang Hsi Min, Yunnanese commander, told the Associated Press correspondent today that Soviet Russia offered the \$10,000,000 and 60,000 rifles with ammunition if a certain agreement was signed. Yang said the offer was refused. The contents of the proposed agreement was not revealed.

BABE RUTH HOMES

NEW YORK (AP)—Babe Ruth hit first home run of the season against Cleveland today.

BIGTONS BEAT U. S. TEAM

LONDON (AP)—The Redoubton club polo team Wednesday defeated the United States army polo team, 8 to 4.

The American army team tried a new formation which in the opinion of the experts was not an improvement. Maj. A. H. Wilson played No. 1. Maj. Louis A. Board No. 2. Capt. P. P. Boston No. 3 and Maj. John A. Smith played back. The position Major Board has usually played before. The American score was made by Captain Board and Major Smith, the former making three.

PORTLAND KILLS SIX MEN

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Six men were killed near here in a battle with a gorilla they had introduced to the forest.

WIFE SUBS FOR PASTOR

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Mrs. Edgar Jones, wife of the Methodist pastor, took her husband's place in the pulpit for three Sundays while he was sick.

CHILD'S BITE MURNS DOCTOR

DETROIT, Mich. — Dr. P. G. Sheppard had to have amputated a finger bitten by a child suffering from diphtheria.

SHEPHERD ON TRIAL IN CHICAGO

Defense Attempts to Limit State Attorney's Opening Statement

COURT UPHOLDS THE PROSECUTION

Jury Finally Selected Wednesday After 3 Weeks and 3 Days of Effort.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Strenuous efforts by the defense counsel to limit State Attorney Crowe's opening statement opened the William Shepherd murder trial today.

The defense sought to have the state's outline of the case stripped of any reference to the death of Mrs. Emma McClintock and Dr. Oscar Olson. The court overruled the defense.

Crowe referred to Shepherd and his wife as "pan handlers" living off the McClintock family for years. He described Shepherd as never to have earned more than \$15 per week, as a police court hanger-on at Indianapolis where, Crowe said, he practiced without a license. Crowe declared Shepherd was elated over Mrs. McClintock's death and remarked he would "come out of it with his pockets filled."

JURY SELECTED WEDNESDAY CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—The jury to try William Darling Shepherd for the alleged murder of his millionaire foster son, William Nelson McClintock, was completed here late Wednesday, after three weeks and three days of effort.

Completion of the tedious task came with unexpected suddenness. Nearly a dozen men had been examined for the place when Charles Edelman, a street car motorman, was called. His replies met with the demands of George E. Gorman, first assistant state's attorney, and the panel of four was tendered to the defense.

Without asking a question, William Scott Stewart, chief defense counsel, turned to Judge Thomas (Continued on Page Five.)

SHIP BOARD HAS LAST SAY

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge has suggested to the shipping board that it designate completely to the fleet corporation authority for negotiating sales of ships and lines and reserving to itself final approval or rejection of all contracts.

While no action has been taken by the board, indications are that the suggestions will be approved next week.

PREMIER AND CABINET QUIT

ATHENS (By the Associated Press)—The Greek cabinet, headed by Premier Nikalakopoulos, resigned here today.

One Ex-Vice President, One Ex-President Alive

(By Charles P. Stewart)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The presidential job often is referred to as a make-shift. The vice-presidents generally in consideration of something of a substitute.

It seems to have occurred to nobody that, with Thomas D. Marshall's death, the country has as many living ex-presidents left as ex-vice presidents—that is to say, one of each, respectively Chief Justice Taft and President Coolidge.

This gives rise to the guess, either that the vice presidency must be more yearning than was popularly supposed, or that some deadly quality other than the work involved lurks in both the chief

magistracy and its understudy's post.

The fact is, though we have had what we called young presidents and vice-presidents, they were young only for the high offices they held. After a term or two, most of them were pretty well on in life and not far from the getting off place into the next.

Ex-Vice President Marshall was one of the most popular statesmen Washington ever has known. He never took himself too seriously. Affable and easy of approach, his circle of friends was enormous.

His humor—antiseptic but real—

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