

EXPERIMENT STATION IS GREAT HELP

Board of Regents Find Institution at Union Highly Beneficial

PROTECTS FARMERS OF THREE COUNTIES

Importance of Crop Rotation to Weed Control Proven at Present by Extensive Tests.

That the Union experiment station is contributing much to the welfare of the state was the opinion of the committee of the board of regents of Oregon Agricultural college after making a thorough inspection of the many projects yesterday.

Governor Walter M. Pierce joined the party at La Grande yesterday and inspected the station. Others in the party were: Harry Bailey, Lakesview; George Palmer, Hood River, master of the state grange; Senator W. S. Kimes, Astoria; and Director James T. Jardine.

Thought the station may be looked on as primarily one for the working out of profitable practices in live stock raising, it has also stood through years, it was pointed out, as a buffer protecting the farmers of Union, Baker and Wallowa counties from expensive freaks, passing fads and general poor practices in agriculture.

Just at present experiments, aside from those dealing with live stock, are showing the importance of rotations in weed control and the place of fertilizers in the farm practices of this district. On the unrelated land mustard, wild oats, and other weeds have been exceedingly difficult of control while on the related land where other than straight grain has been raised these are handled with much greater ease.

Trials Show Results. Cereal variety trials continue to show results distinctly in favor of wheat which has already been widely adopted in the planting program all over eastern Oregon where spring wheat is used. Its use this year is amounting to thousands of dollars in the farmers harvesting reports to the station show, Trebb and Hanchey barley and Golden Bann oats have consistently yielded best for this district.

It was this station which years ago demonstrated the worthlessness as a standard variety in the selection of the superior, seven-headed or Alaska wheat. It also succeeded in producing a seed supply of a pure strain forty-fold wheat, the leading winter wheat of this section, thus eliminating the usual discount of 2, 4 and even as high as 10 cents a bushel for mixtures.

Seed flax has recently been tried out extensively and is showing good

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CLUB TO VISIT WALLOWA LAKE

Reservations are already being taken by Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce, for the annual Get-Acquainted Caravan to Wallowa County on August 18 and 19.

The trip this year will be the third of the series to Wallowa with the Wallowa Lake as the final point visited. From indications the current caravan will be the largest of the three.

Union County Crowds Attend Circus Shows

Today Al G. Barnes' circus is at Enterprise. But last night yesterday afternoon the leading animals, acrobats, horses versed in the arts of Terpsichore, Indians of histrionic ability, Joe Martin, the "voluntion argument" and scores of other attractions regaled crowds of Union county people who gathered for the performance.

"Foolishness in the Court of Queen Anne" opened both shows quite successfully. The Indians in full regalia, and the singers performed very creditably and whetted the appetite for what was to follow.

Large Crowd At Concert; Band Scores

Recital Last Night First One Played in the Ball Park; Location's Effect Seen.

The first of the municipal band concerts to be given at the ball park, here last evening, under the direction of Andrew Loney, Jr., was in many respects the best of the series.

The band reached a high standard of musicianship in the earlier presentations but some of the finer effects were spoiled at times by noises from the railroad and down town traffic when concerts were given at the rear of the Foley building.

Mr. Loney had had in mind the ball park as a scene of the concert for some time but desiring to reach the greatest number of people continued giving the recitals in the more central location even with the handicap of the greater outside interference.

However, the crowd at the ball park last evening more than came up to expectations. The grandstand was nearly full and several rows of cars were parked at the rear of the band.

Conditions were very favorable for an unusual performance, and the director and the band made the most of them. Each selection was played with exceptional feeling and the spirit of each interpretation was conveyed to the audience in a wholly satisfactory manner.

The addition of Harry Price, solo clarinetist, a recent arrival from Bend, was noted. Mr. Price is truly a valuable addition to the band. Although still a young man he has had several years' experience in band work. He was with the La Grande band about two years ago and has since been playing at Bend. His musical training was received for the most part in the service with the large government bands. As the clarinet is really the foundation instrument in band work the value of another soloist can scarcely be estimated.

Popular Numbers Played.

The program last evening was of the summertime variety. Not

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GOVERNOR AGAIN JOINS REGENTS; TO RETURN HERE

After spending last night at the farm home of his son, Lloyd Horner, Governor Walter M. Pierce left this morning for Astoria, where he will join the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural college today. He was at the Union experiment station yesterday with the board and returned to La Grande last evening to inspect several school loans. He will go to Burns tomorrow and return to La Grande Tuesday, to transact state business here before returning to Salem.

New Manager Arrives At La Grande Office

Grant H. Fogie, newly appointed manager of the local office of the Ryan Fertilizer company, with Mrs. Fogie, arrived in La Grande yesterday to take up his official duties. Mr. Fogie has been with the Ryan company for several years and is thoroughly competent man in his line.

Dee Rogers Trial Put Off Until August 24

Dee Rogers appeared before the municipal judge this morning on charges of driving an automobile while intoxicated. The trial was continued until August 24 at 10 a. m.

Rogers also faces a similar charge in the justice court where he will be tried August 22.

The wild animals, especially the big cats, are as fine a collection as has been brought here for many years. A tiger and three kittens interested many and a cage of polar bears rivaled the feline giants. The "Wood-rotting" hippo and the elephants were not overlooked nor were the native zebra, monkeys, seals, ostriches, bunnies, buffaloes and other animals drew their share of attention.

Several comments were heard on the orderly appearance of the circus and the absence of roughness.

GUNS BELCH FIRE SLIPS IN GOTHAM, FROM GRIP WOMAN DEAD OF WORKERS

Robber Suspect Used Mother of Four as a Shield for Bullets

DETECTIVE SHOT; SAID NEAR DEATH

Two Youthful Gangsters Captured; Saved from Threatening Mob by Police Escort.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The mother of four children, used as a human shield by a robber suspect fleeing in a hail of police bullets is dead and a detective is dying as the result of a gun battle today under the Pennsylvania railroad terminal.

Two youthful gangsters were captured.

The police saved them from a crowd threatening lynching. Two others escaped.

Edward Hart, 18, youngest of the gang, grabbed Mrs. Mary Connolly, 35, as she stepped from a doorway and held her in front of him and returned police fire.

The woman was shot and Hart darted into a nearby house. Mrs. Connolly died in a hospital. Detective Hennigery was hit near the heart and is reported to be near death.

LIQUOR PARTY ENDS IN COURT

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—As Thomas Murray was riding slowly up South Park last Sunday he came upon a La Grande picnic party with lunch spread under the shade of the pines. The two men and two women of the party were in sociable and cheery mood and hailed him and asked him to join them. There were three bottles of liquor on the table, bearing labels of foreign makers of gin, whiskey and beer, and the picnicers asked Mr. Murray to drink with them.

He took the bottle handed him and examined it, and then showed them his stars as an officer of the law, and said he would keep all three bottles, and proposed that the picnicers accompany him to the county seat. One of

SOUTH CALLS TO DR. KEITH

Dr. Elmer Grant Keith, who came here in July two years ago to take the control of the Portland Methodist Episcopal church, has accepted the pastorate of the Federated church at Beaverton, Ore., according to announcement today. The Presbyterians and Methodists of Beaverton are having a federated church for more efficient and cheap services.

Dr. Keith, however, will be the pastor of the local church on "leave of absence" until the meeting of the conference the latter part of September, when a new pastor will be appointed.

Tearing Dr. Keith's postorate the debt of the local church has been reduced \$500, and in addition secured interest of more than \$1200. A portion of this was donated by the General Church Building society of Philadelphia.

Dr. Keith and his family will leave for southern California on the morning of August 12. They will be accompanied by their wife, Mrs. Keith, and their children, and will travel by automobile and visit Seattle, Boulder park, Portland and Crater lake en route to Beaverton.

Circus Day Fails to Bring Any Marriages

Once again circus day failed to produce its quota of marriage licenses. Kenneth McCornick, county clerk, had the necessary blanks and licenses all ready for a rush of business but in one afternoon, in past years circus days have resulted in several licenses, according to Mr. McCornick. In what one must term the "good old days" of out-of-town couples often came in La Grande on the day of the circus and after visiting a while with the elephants stopped just across the street and obtained their marriage licenses.

Forest Blaze Destroys Timber Company Camp on Skagit River

LOCOMOTIVE RACES THROUGH FLAMES

Three Girls, Caught in Woods, Manage to Escape; More Fighters Go into Forests.

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (By the Associated Press)—After burning over brush and logging off land six miles on a two-mile front, forest fire late yesterday destroyed Camp No. 11 of the Lyman Timber company, three and a half miles northwest of Hamilton, on the Skagit river.

The fire spread through the green timber, and 50 hours' losses are believed to have perished.

The company locomotive, with valuable saved from the camp, raced through the fire zone. One of the four bridges crossed before safely was reached was burning when the locomotive crossed it.

Three girls had a narrow escape when their retreat was cut off. They managed to escape through the woods.

One hundred men joined two hundred fighting fire today.

SCHWARTZ MAY BE HIDDEN ON VESSEL AT SEA

ASTORIA, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Officers are to search the steamer Nordic which was arrested yesterday morning for a man supposed to be Schwartz, sought at Martinez, Cal., on murder charges.

MARTINEZ, Cal. (By the Associated Press)—A thirty-minute telephone call to the police today advised that you will find out what became of Theodore White, formerly of Fresno, you will know who the dead man in the Pacific Cellulose laboratory mystery is.

XTRA TEST TENNESSEE LAW

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP).—The Tennessee revolution case was brought to the federal court today when John H. Seal, representing Jas. Robert Wilson, taxpayer, filed suit to test the constitutionality of the law against teaching evolution in public schools.

TAKING SCOTT HOME

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP).—John D. Scott, leader of the Portland party of Mazama, climbing Jefferson peak, injured seriously Wednesday, is being carried today on an improvised stretcher and is expected to reach the government camp today where he can be taken by automobile to Portland. His hip is badly hurt.

Keeping Ever At It

That's the solution of the advertising problem for any business—but to buy that regular, consistent, every-day publicity at sufficiently small cost, while reaching the maximum number of families read by the Observer, is a problem for the small firm.

THE BUSY MAN'S NEWSPAPER



WATER RIGHTS SETTLED HERE

Water rights to the Grande river which have been a subject of controversy for several years were settled this morning at the court house when Judge J. W. Knowles signed the final decree.

Sylvia New Cinderella, Tale Denied

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—While authorities were threatening to prosecute Edward W. Browning and the parents of Mary Louise under a law which prohibits father and male of children, another purported Cinderella came into brief notoriety today.

Sylvia Minton, 12, said that Browning, divorced father, had promised to adopt her but Browning denied this.

He also denied Sylvia's story that she had attended a party last night with him and his newly adopted daughter, Mary Louise Spies.

Haynes to Be "Right Arm" of Prohi Chief

WASHINGTON (AP).—The latest official explanation of the status of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes is that he will be the "right arm" of prohibition enforcement.

Assistant Secretary Andrews, who recently deprived the present commissioner of all his present authority over the dry forces, bestowed the bow Thursday by bestowing Mr. Haynes would become his chief adviser on prohibition subjects.

"Mr. Haynes is going to be my right arm," said Mr. Andrews, "but absolutely sincere in that statement, I don't care to go into details until I have cleaned up the details of the reorganization."

Baker Copper Company Has \$1,000,000 Capital

SALEM, Ore. (Special).—The Baker Copper company, of Baker, Ore., was incorporated here today with a capital of \$1,000,000. Incorporators are: John C. Sample, Robert M. Betts, E. E. Carter Van Dusen.

One County Newspaper Sold. MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ore. (Special).—The Southern Coos County American changed hands the first of the month and the first issue by the new owner was published. George Hamilton, the new editor, is an old newspaper man from Iowa, and has also published papers in northern Idaho and Washington. More recently he has been engaged in the coal fields business in Escalante, Utah, selling publishing rights to other business men.

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County Court Ends Uneventful Session

County court adjourned yesterday after an uneventful session. Commissioners W. W. Stevens of Union and John Welch of Albert and Judge E. G. Conch were present on both days of the court session.

The session was devoted entirely to routine business of auditing bills and similar action.

Schissler Guest at Informal Meet Today

An informal gathering of Oregon agricultural college students and graduates was held at Charles Reynolds' office this morning with Paul J. Schissler, Aggie football coach, as guest of honor. The meeting was merely in the form of a friendship gathering. No business matters were discussed.

Belgium Will Begin Debt Negotiations

WASHINGTON (AP).—The re-funding of Belgium's \$400,000,000 war debt to the United States will be taken up formally Monday by the American and Belgium debt commissions.

NEGRO'S DEATH PROBED

SALEM, Ore. (Special).—No action will be taken against attendants at the Oregon State hospital in connection with the death of Alfred Woods, negro, who died yesterday when he ran smack at the institution. This was announced by officials.

It required the combined efforts of a half dozen attendants to subdue the negro. Two of his ribs were broken. His death was said to be due to hemorrhage. Woods was admitted to the hospital from Portland.

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DUBY REVIEWS HIGHWAY WORK

BAKER, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—What the Oregon state highway commission has done, is going to do and will do in the near future was covered in an interesting interview granted a local newspaper by Judge William Duby, of Baker, chairman of the commission, who was in Baker recently.

Judge Duby sketched briefly the work on the great Roosevelt highway along the coast, on which more than \$9,000,000 has been spent or is being spent, leaving about \$5,000,000 more necessary to bring the road to completion. Work is going forward on the John Day highway with a view to completion by the end of next year.

Of particular interest is the status of the work of the commission in Eastern Oregon. Crews have been working most of the summer on a 12-mile stretch on Highway 111 in Umatilla county where \$7,500 is being spent this year. The road is being widened from 26 to 28 feet. Twenty-five per cent of the curvatures has been eliminated and the road shortened three-quarters of a mile. The work is now about 75 per cent complete.

Twenty acres of ground have been bought by the state at the top-most loop on Highway 111 where a parking place will be constructed overlooking what is probably the most majestic view on the whole Oregon Trail. A house will be built in the center of the hairpin curve. This work

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BOY KILLS; OVERSTUDY IS BLAMED

Father Dead and Mother Badly Wounded in Parkersburg, Ia.

EXPLANATION NOT GIVEN BY YOUTH

Crime Committed with a .22 Calibre Rifle; Confession Made to Parkersburg Marshal.

PARKERSBURG, Iowa (By the Associated Press)—Warren Vandervoort, 17, today confessed that he shot and killed his father, the Rev. H. J. Vandervoort, Methodist Episcopal minister, here last night, in an automobile which had gone off the highway, announced today.

The youth also admitted he shot and wounded his mother when she appeared in the doorway of the pastor's home, apparently to investigate the shot that killed her husband. Then he followed her into the bedroom and shot her again.

The boy gave no explanation. An inquest is being held. Young Vandervoort was arrested at Leitchwick, Iowa, in the family automobile.

"Warren, He Did It." Mrs. Vandervoort's only words since she was found about 2:30 a. m. were, "Warren, he did it; he did it!"

Young Vandervoort was taken into custody about 3 a. m. after a Parkersburg physician found him in an automobile which had gone off the alpeyry pavement.

The boy told the physician that "some one" had shot his parents and that the murderer then forced him to take the family car and help the killer escape.

Shot With .22 Rifle. The physician visited the Parkersburg officers, who found the minister lying in the hallway and the mother unconscious on the bed. Residents of the community said they believed the boy had been unbalanced by overstudy in preparing for college.

Both parents were shot with a .22 calibre rifle. Empty cartridges were scattered on the floor but the rifle was missing. Warren bought a rifle at the hardware store Thursday afternoon.

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Politically the fundamentalists control the country—not effectively, everywhere, but more or less, generally, nationally speaking. How they gained control nobody quite knows. It's a situation which just "kinda grew."

Before anybody realized it, here it was. The liberals don't like it. That's to be seen on every hand. Nor do the fundamentalists like the way the liberals brush around, living and at the

The struggle won't center about any single narrow issue—prohibition, evolution, some one detail of public morals, some particular so-called blue law.

The campaign will open—has opened, in fact—with a little detached skirmishes of this sort, but these skirmishes will increase in number and spread, and finally merge into one big, general engagement over the question of the relationship between religion and government.