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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Partly cloudy, moderate temperature tonight and Saturday.

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YAKIMA MAY BE VISITED BY CARAVAN

Chamber of Commerce Members Plan Trip to Washington City

IRRIGATION GONE INTO AT LUNCHEON

Diversified and Intensive Farming and Decreased Rural Population, and Remedies Discussed.

Irrigation for the Grande Ronde valley, Diversified and intensive farming. Reasons for the decrease in the rural population and remedies. All these were discussed by a group of earnest business men at the special luncheon of the chamber of commerce at The Tiffin at noon today.

A plan was presented to the chamber of commerce by George Currey, president of the realty board who acted as spokesman for the organization and also as chairman of the luncheon in place of Albert Hunter who was unable to attend.

The plan is, in effect, to take a caravan to the Yakima valley in Washington to investigate the conditions there at first hand.

Yakima Valley an Example.

The Yakima valley, said Mr. Currey, is an example of what can be done by the intelligent application of irrigation. The valley is similar to the Grande Ronde valley yet it has a total population of 100,000 people while this valley has at the most 15,000 inhabitants.

The plan originated with the real estate men last year when attending the northwest realty convention at Yakima. The delegation of local business men who attended the convention were astonished at the progress made by the city of Yakima and the surrounding territory by means of the safe and sane irrigation policies.

Following Mr. Currey, C. J. Black made a brief talk in which he heartily endorsed the plan to make a trip to Yakima to investigate conditions. He told of his early boyhood experience with irrigation in Utah and said that he had always been in favor of it.

Plan Is Approved.

Elmer Stoddard, former president of the chamber of commerce, was called upon and he also gave his approval to the plan.

Mr. Stoddard gave figures showing the decrease in the rural population of the valley in the last 20 years. He then talked of some of the benefits that would accrue provided an irrigation project of the right sort was completed. However, Mr. Stoddard warned the chamber of commerce and the realty board to seek the cooperation of the farmers themselves before going further with plans.

William Miller gave the final talk of the luncheon. He remarked that he had observed conditions in the Grande Ronde valley for the past 15 years and that he felt that

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INSTITUTE TO BE HELD HERE

The annual teachers' institute will be held at La Grande, October 22 and 23, according to announcement today by A. E. Sayre, county school superintendent.

The institute will be a joint affair between Wallowa and Union counties. Some of the instructors have already been selected.

Missing

Lieutenant Byron J. Connell, of Pittsburg, Pa., one of the five men who are missing with the naval plane PN-9, No. 1, which is lost following an attempt to fly from San Francisco to Honolulu.

TOURISTS ARE LEAVING LAKE

ENTERPRISE, Ore., (Special.)—The Wallowa Lake tourist season is just about ended.

This is largely due to the lateness of the season which makes for doubtful weather at the wonderland resort and also because tourists are hurrying back home in order to start their children to school for the fall and winter term.

J. C. Macpherson, manager, has gone to Spokane on a business trip but will return shortly. The dining room at the lake will remain open until the middle of September.

According to a local newspaper "under the management of J. C. Macpherson, the wonderland has had a prosperous season which has been a demonstration of the possibilities of the place."

Mrs. Coolidge Will Be Laid to Rest Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. C. P. Coolidge who passed on here quite suddenly, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

The Rev. William Crosby Ross, of the Presbyterian church, will officiate.

Mrs. Coolidge's remains will be laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery.

Hunters Barred from Five Points Territory

Hunting will not be allowed from September 10 to October 20 on the Mount Emily Lumber company's lands along Five Points creek or in that territory because of the danger to employes, according to announcements today.

This step was found necessary to safeguard the workers and the no trespassing sign for hunters will be strictly enforced, it is said.

"HONEST" BOOTLEGGERS PAY BIG INCOME TAXES

NEW YORK (AP)—"Honest bootleggers" who wanted to be square with the government contributed between $500,000 and $1,000,000 of the total tax paid in the richest tax district of the United States lower Manhattan, it was revealed in a study of income tax returns.

Officials said most bootleggers filed the returns under the head "returns on investments."

Baby Clinic Expert Here September 12

Child Welfare Expert to Hold Free Sessions at Union and La Grande Next Week.

Dr. Maud Kelly, of Washington, D. C., and working with the national child welfare organization with headquarters in New York, will be at Union September 11 and in La Grande September 12 for a free baby clinic. The clinic here will be given in the high school building, and will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning, continuing throughout the day.

Children eligible for the clinics will be infants to the pre-school age and mothers from all of the county are urged to bring their babies to the clinics here and at Union.

Having two in the county will bring all places within easy reach of everyone.

The Union County Health association feels very fortunate that Union county was chosen by Dr. Kelly as she is visiting only a few places in Oregon, including Portland, and when she arrives here will be en route to the east.

Miss Marquardt will be here to assist Dr. Kelly and will also have with her a number of capable assistants.

LABORER HIT BY TREE DIES

Fred Fife, aged 35 years, who was struck by a falling tree yesterday in the employ of a private logging contractor working for the Mt. Emily Lumber company, died here about 9:30 this morning as the result of injuries.

The tree struck Mr. Fife in the back and broke several ribs. The fractured bones injured him internally, piercing his lung and other organs, which brought about the end.

The deceased's mother is en route to la Grande and pending her arrival, funeral arrangements are indefinite. The body is at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

REPLACING OF RAILS STARTS

Expenditures of approximately $100,000 on track improvement over 10 miles of track on the Wallowa side of the mouth of the canyon has been announced by the O-W. R. & N. company. Work has already been started on the section and the first crew is at work.

The improvements include replacing 60-pound rails with 90-pound rails, made necessary by an increase in freight traffic. Crews have laid new steel through the canyon during the past two years and the new work forms a continuation of the improvement.

Oregon State Medical Convention Ends Today

MEDFORD, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Dr. W. P. McAdory, of La Grande was elected vice president of the Oregon Public Health league today.

MEDFORD, Ore. (Special) — Election of officers will end the annual convention of the Oregon State Medical society here today. Among the Oregon doctors giving talks yesterday was W. T. Pay of Hot Lake.

Body Recovered from Slough.

CLATSKANIE, Ore.—The body of John Ostrom, 49, who was drowned in Wallace slough August 15, was recovered by workmen employed by the Benson Timber company about half a mile from the scene of the drowning. Mr. Ostrom fell from a boat while on the way here from Astoria. Authorities are searching for his father, Antone Ostrom, believed to be his only surviving relative. The father was thought to be in Portland.

GIANT BEANS ARE GROWN

OREGON CITY, Ore. — String beans 21 inches long are growing in the garden of Mrs. Rose Ginther of Thirteenth and John Adams streets, Oregon City, and if they continue growing as they have done during the past week the beans will be true to their name "yard beans," for this is the name of the variety of seed from which they started when the seed was secured from Indiana.

The vines have attained a height of about 20 feet and are still climbing skyward.

Close by to where the beans are growing is a Wolfe river apple tree. Apples plucked from the weighted branches weigh from 11 pounds to 14 pounds.

SURVIVORS REVIEW AIR DISASTER

Breaking of One of Shenandoah's Gas Bags Believed Cause

REMAINS OF SHIP BROKEN BY WIND

Monster Dirigible's Remains Buffeted by the Breezes Today; Dead in Belle Valley Morgue

PHILADELPHIA (By the Associated Press.)—The breaking of a gas bag over Power Car No. 3, starboard car of the dirigible Shenandoah, is blamed by some of the survivors of the wreck for the tragedy yesterday in Ohio.

When the eighteen survivors who came by special car from the scene of the wreck here today, some of them agreed that this accident, in conjunction with the terrific storm, was responsible for the wreck and ensuing loss of life. They described the storm as a "wester twister", a miniature cyclone.

Saw Storm Coming.

They said they saw the storm coming but were powerless to get out of the way.

Lieutenant Thomas O. Hendly, in charge of the survivors, walked with a noticeable limp.

He said that when the ship cracked he was lifted into the air with the ship's nose, hanging on a girder which stuck out from the nose of the ship about 100 feet.

"After this girder had bumped the tops of several trees, I took a chance and let go," he said.

Buffeted by Wind.

Other survivors said that the wind struck first one side and then another.

The ship was forced upward in almost a vertical position and then came a ripping, hissing sound and the big ship broke in two.

CALDWELL, Ohio. (By the Associated Press.) — On the gentle, sloping hillsides, some 12 miles apart, winds today whipped through the yards of flapping silk and twisted and broken aluminum of the cracked Shenandoah, until yesterday the proud mistress of the skies and the pride of the United States navy.

What remains of the dirigible,

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COMPLETE LIST OF FLOWER SHOW WINNERS GIVEN

In addition to the Neighborhood club flower show prizes listed in the Evening Observer yesterday the following were unintentionally omitted:

Pansies, collection of 16 baskets—Mrs. A. T. Hill, first; Mrs. George Richardson, second; sweet peas, King Tut—Mrs. S. E. Bell, Cove, first; Mrs. Hendrickson, second, Mildred Fox, third; dahlias, single specimen — Mrs. Murphy, first; pom pom—Mrs. Ware, first; dahlias, collection — Mrs. Homer Wilson, first; Mrs. Miller, Union, second; Mrs. Duryea, third; marigolds, Scotch collection—Mrs. Siegrist, first; Mrs. Zundell, second; marigolds, African—Mrs. Reynolds, first; marigolds, collection, French—Mrs. Zundel, first; marigolds, African, single specimen—Mrs. DeLile Green, first; marigolds, French, single specimen—Mrs. Zundel, first; gardens—Mrs. Earl Zundel, first; Mrs. A. J. Stange, second and Mrs. Ray Murphy, third.

1278 Farm Houses In County

According to most recent figures, there are 1278 farm homes in Union county—but only approximately half of these are reached by rural mail box delivery.

The other half live close to post offices and call for their mail direct or are addressed at post offices having no rural route service. Of the entire number of farm homes, The Observer reaches regularly more than 50 per cent. The Observer's farm circulation is by far the largest in these two counties. Observer Want Ads reach these homes at minimum cost.

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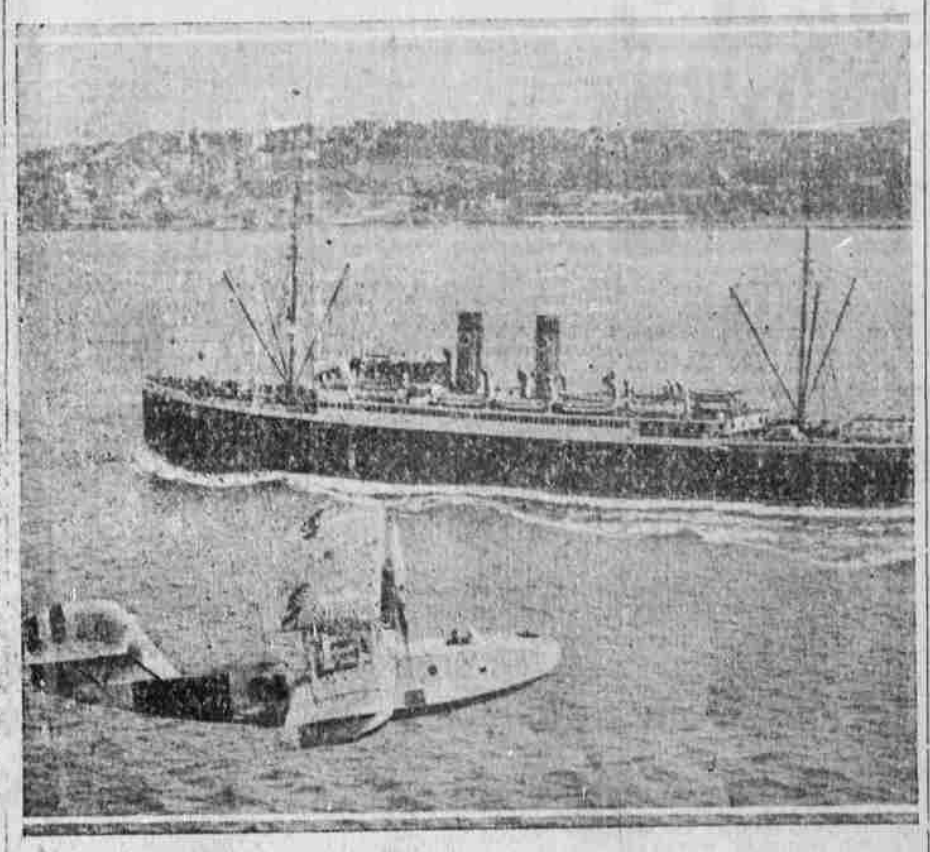
Last Picture of the PN-9, No. 1



The last picture taken of the naval seaplane, PN-9, No. 1, as it was leaving California on the ill-fated San Francisco-Hawaiian Islands flight. The plane was forced down Tuesday, just before reaching Honolulu, because of lack of fuel, and searchers have been combing the ocean since hunting for the flyer. The ship carried five men.

JONES LEADING TOURNAMENT

OAKMONT, Penn., (By the Associated Press.)—Bobby Jones, champion, was four up on George Von Elm at the end of the morning round in their semi-final match for the national amateur golf championship today.

Watts Gunn, of Atlanta, was one up on Dick Jones, of White Plains, N. Y.

DATE SET FOR ANNUAL SHOW

Adopting as their slogan that of the movie producers, "bigger and better than ever," the committee to stage the annual Elks' '49 show was named at the lodge meeting last night.

Harry Hoffman, whose work in past presentations of the show particularly qualifies him, was selected general chairman in charge of all arrangements.

The date for the 1925 show was announced last evening at the lodge. Thus October 14, 15, 16 and 17 will be days set apart, out of the ordinary, so to speak, for at that time the cowboys with their red shirts and bandanna handkerchiefs will be in full sway.

The proceeds from the show are used by the lodge in alleviating the suffering of the poor people of the community and for the pleasure of the kiddies at Christmas time.

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"Leif Erickson" Party Swallowed by Atlantic

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press.)—Further indications that the Leif Erickson expedition of 1924 had "sailed from its last port" was contained in a radio message from Donald B. MacMillan, received Thursday by the National Geographic society.

The party was headed by William Nutting, who sailed from Norway in the spring of last year with three companions, in the 40-foot boat Lief Erickson, to follow the Viking trail to the United States by the way of Iceland and Greenland. They reached Iceland safely and sailed in August, 1924, for Greenland and Labrador. No further word was heard from them.

The message received Thursday said Commander MacMillan had discovered, upon landing at Holsenborg, Greenland, Tuesday, the man who entertained Nutting during the Erickson party's stay at Julianehaab. He was O. C. Rasmussen, former deputy governor of that place.

After discussing their plans and hopes with Governor Rasmussen, the Erickson party left for Battle Harbor, Labrador, the message said, and after three days' sailing a strong gale set in. The party never again was heard from.

Parts From Shenandoah Are Stolen

CALDWELL, O., (By the Associated Press.)—Valuable information that may have aided in determining the events leading up to the destruction of the Shenandoah is lost through looting which continued during the night.

Officials expressed themselves as concerned over the absence of such portions of wreckage as whole motors, the control wheel, switchboards and various minor controls. These are vital in the investigation but they have been scattered far and wide.

The control wheel is said to be somewhere in Caldwell and a switchboard six feet long is reported to have been seen passing through Cambridge yesterday. Persons were found who said they saw one motor being carted away. Farmers around the Shenandoah wreckage charged admission prices to the grounds today. Their scale was 25 cents a person, a dollar for automobiles, and water sold at ten cents a glass.

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R. G. VANDERBILT DIES

NEW YORK (AP)—Reginald C. Vanderbilt, 15, died early today at Sandy Point farm, his Rhode Island estate. He was one of the leading horsemen in the country and the youngest son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt. He inherited ten million dollars from his father and five million from his brother, Alfred, who perished on the Lusitania.

HEINEN AIRS VIEWS.

TOMS RIVER, N. J. (AP).—Captain Anton Heinen, former German dirigible pilot and construction adviser in the building of the Shenandoah, said today the removal of eight of the 18 safety valves on the dirigible's gas bags was the cause of yesterday's disaster and that the victims of the crash "gave their lives to save this precious helium." In the storm the craft rose too fast for the remaining valves to release sufficient gas, he said. Heinen said the Shenandoah as originally designed was the "safest thing in the world." He asserted that due to reduction in auxiliary valves about six weeks ago he would not have gone on the dirigible for "a million dollars." "It was not safe with the valve changes. The men that went and knew of the changes were brave indeed," he said.

Pine Valley Fair Getting Ready.

BAKER, Ore.—Preparations for the Pine valley fair to be held in Halfway September 25-26, are well under way. The premium list is complete. Each day will see a review of the old horse racing days of Baker county. Articles to be included in the exhibits are numerous. The fete promises to be a big drawing card.

MAY CLOSE UP AIR STATION

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—The disastrous loss of the Shenandoah apparently has thrown the navy's whole future policy with respect to lighter-than-air craft into a state of uncertainty.

Out of this may come a decision to close down the navy's air station at Lakehurst.

Secretary Wilbur is now considering the best course and has a definite plan in mind but will discuss the matter wisely with naval experts before announcing his decision.

Budget Committeemen Named.

PENDLETON, Ore.—H. W. Collins, Pendleton, grain buyer, miller and rancher; A. J. Smith, Pilot Rock, sheep man, and Fay LeGrow, Athena, banker, have been appointed as members of the county budget committee to serve with the members of the county court in fixing the 1926 budget for Umatilla county. The appointment was made by the county court.

Road Crossing Authorized.

SALEM, Ore.—The public service commission issued an order authorizing the establishment of a crossing beneath the tracks of the Multnomah Lumber & Box company's railroad near Monterey, Lincoln county. Sixty per cent of the cost of the crossing is to be borne by the state highway commission and 40 per cent by the lumber and box company.

SEARCH IS CONTINUING FOR PLANE

"Ray of Hope" Held Following Reports of Flares in Night

18 DESTROYERS TO COMB THE OCEAN

Admiral Robinson Is Ordered to Dispatch Fleet to Vicinity Where Flyers Thought Lost.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP Press Time Flash) — The St. Augustine Record today says a local radio operator talked with a United States war ship 400 miles off the Samoa Islands, and learned that the missing seaplane PN-9, No. 1, had been found with its crew safe.

WASHINGTON (AP Press Time Flash)—The navy department had no information today bearing out the report from St. Augustine.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press.)—The navy department has ordered Admiral Robinson to dispatch eighteen destroyers that left Samoa for Hawaii September first, to search the zone to participate in a hunt for the missing PN-9, No. 1 and its crew.

The flight commander here stated there was "a ray of hope" following a telegram frim the Whippoorwhill sent that it said it had seen a white flare and two flares or rockets at 7:10 and 8:10 o'clock last night.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press.)—Following is the personnel of the naval seaplane PN-9, No. 1:

Commander John Rodgers, in command. One of a family famous in the navy, he was born in Washington, D. C., January 15, 1881. It has been a saying that "there has been a John Rodgers in the navy register ever since there was a navy." Commander Rodgers is the son of Admiral John A. Rodgers, U. S. N., retired, whose residence is at Harve De Grace, Md. The son entered the naval academy in 1899 and during the Spanish-American war served aboard the U. S. C. Columbia, in Cuba and Porto Rico.

He was graduated from Annapolis and commissioned ensign. He first became interested in aviation through experimenting with manflitting kites for "spotting" purposes. In 1911 he went to the Wright aviation school at Dayton, Ohio, and was the second naval officer to become an viator.

During the World war he was on duty with submarines and mine

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KOREAN BLAST KILLS SCORES

TOKIO, (By the Associated Press.)—One hundred and fifty persons were killed in an explosion at the Teihaku coal mines, near Pingyang, Korea, dispatches to Jiji Shimpo today said.

Weatherspoon Orchard To Yield $75,000 Crop

One of the best apple crops produced for several years is in prospect in some parts of Union county, according to information from fruit centers.

The outlook in and around Elgin is very good especially in the large orchard owned by H. H. Weatherspoon, who expects to realize about $75,000. About 60,000 boxes of apples from his orchard will in all probability be marketed.

This giant crop will be produced from a 156-acre orchard, as large as the ordinary farm, containing 8000 trees. Figured by the acre the crop will gross $500 an acre.

Picking will begin about September 20 when the King David variety will be plucked, four thousand boxes of these are expected. Other varities will be harvested in the following order: Winter Bananas, Delicious, Jonathan, Northwestern Greenings, Rain Spitzenberg, Rome Beauty, Gano and Newton Pippin.

A large number of the apples from this orchards will be shipped to New York and from there they are exported to England. The export apples though usually the smaller ones, are making a decided impression in European markets. Only a few days ago reports were brought to America that American apples were being eaten readily in 57 foreign countries.

Although figures have not been given out on several other large orchards in the Grande Ronde valley, a lively apple picking and packing season is predicted.

Navy Men Getting Ready For Spirited Conflict

(By Charles P. Stewart.)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special.)—Big navy men are getting ready to put up a stiff fight, not only against the cut President Coolidge is understood to want, in the next appropriation for warship building, but in favor of a much more liberal allowance than the present one.

Their argument is that the armament limitation agreement which resulted from the international conference called by President Harding to put a stop to the race for naval supremacy didn't, in reality, stop it, but simply changed its form. The United States, it's contended, has assumed that the race was stopped completely, but England and Japan haven't, and consequently this country will be completely outclassed as a sea power soon, at the present rate.

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What the Harding conference did was to set a limit on capital ships, but no limit whatever was placed upon cruisers up to 10,000 tons. A 10,000 ton cruiser is a small affair compared with a 36,000 ton battleship, but leaving battleships out of consideration, the former is a decidedly formidable craft.

And this is the type of vessel which the English and Japanese are now concentrating upon building. The upshot presently will be, the big navy folk predict, that while the United States may remain, at least theoretically, upon a battleship equality with England and somewhat Japan's superior, she will be relatively so weak in cruisers as to be, not, at a hopeless disadvantage.

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To be sure, President Coolidge plans to call another conference, to limit cruiser-building, but the big navy group doesn't believe there is the remotest possibility England and Japan will agree to this.

By just one method, the big navyites think, does America stand some chance of bringing the English and Japanese to terms—by setting the English and Japanese so hot a cruiser-building pace that they can't keep up with it. Rather than be outbuilt, or strained beyond their powers of financial endurance by America's greater resources, it's foreseen that the two other peoples would be willing to call a halt all 'round, at some reasonable figure.