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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP).—Oregon: Fair in the east, mostly cloudy in the west portion tonight and Friday. Moderate temperatures.

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LILLY GETS SIDEWALK CONTRACT

City Commissioners Let North Side Job to Local Contractor

COST OF WORK TO TOTAL $4,126.17

North Ash, Y and Other Streets Are Included in District: Survey Gang Busy Today.

Sleet and snow may fall, rain may pelt down but residents of the part of the city in the vicinity of Y and North Fourth avenues will be able to keep their feet dry this winter or at least much drier than usual.

The city survey gang is engaged this afternoon in staking out the new sidewalks to be built in improvement district Number 157, contract for which was awarded at the commission meeting last evening to Pete Lilly for a consideration of $4,126.17. C. J. Richards, another local contractor submitted the only other bid turned in but some higher. Mr. Richard's bid was $4,393.40.

The contract calls for the "construction of Portland Cement concrete sidewalks on North Ash street (where Lot in place) on the west side from Jackson avenue to McDonald or Benton avenue; on the east side from Y avenue north, a distance of 294 feet; X avenue (where not in place) from North Ash to North Fourth street; X avenue, north side only, from North Fourth street to North Second street; Jackson avenue (north side only, where not in place) from North Birch street to North Fourth street; North Fourth street (east side only, where not in place) from Jackson avenue to Y avenue; W avenue (north side only, where not in place) from North Ash street to Jackson avenue."

Work to Be Rushed

Actual construction on this improvement district is expected to start within a few days.

As a whole the commission meeting was a rather uneventful one. A. T. Hill, president of the city was unable to attend and Charles Playle presided in his place. R. P. Landis, commissioner was also present.

The city managers report, bills and other routine business occupied the greater portion of the session, an unusually short one.

FINE QUALITY PEARS SHOWN

F. W. King, of May Park, is showing some extra fine specimens of Bartlett pears in La Grande today. He has 80 pear trees in his orchard and reports that the frost cut the crop short this year but the extra size and quality of the fruit made up for the loss in quantity. The pears have found a ready market as the demand is far ahead of the supply.

Mr. King also has 110 young cherry trees which he says are doing very well after having successfully withstood the past winter. Proper care of the trees is his formula for success in the orchard business.

Noel

A face to study is that of Harrison Noel, the youthful slayer of Mary Daly, six-year-old Montclair, N. J. He had social advantages, money to spend, his own car and was regarded as a brilliant student. His case is parallel in many respects to that of the famous murder of Bobby Frank by Loeb and Leopold in Chicago.

STAGE DRIVER HANDLES REINS

Joe Woods, 73 year old stage driver, showed that he is still a good judge of horses and a good driver, this morning, when he drove down Adams avenue with two six-horse teams gotten together for the Pendleton Roundup.

The horses in one team are bays and in the other dapple grays. Five of the bay horses are owned by John Courtney of La Grande and one by Lloyd Pierce, son of Governor Pierce.

All six of the gray drivers are the property of Henry Hill, rancher of this vicinity.

The horses were selected by Mr. Wood to compare as nearly as possible with the typical stage teams of 50 or 60 years ago.

At Pendleton they will be driven to stages which will meet the distinguished Round-Up guests at the railway station and will be exhibited at Happy Canyon.

Mr. Woods will drive one team and Arthur Welton, for years stage coach driver at Yellowstone National park will hold the reins for the other six.

The party will leave for Pendleton tomorrow morning with the two six horse teams and some saddle horses to be used in the Roundup. In addition to Mr. Welton and Mr. Woods, Leo Gruner will go along as assistant.

Switches License; Pays Judge $30 and Costs

E. E. Sacho was fined $30 and costs in the justice court this morning on being convicted of the charge of switching automobile license plates from one car to another. The fine was assessed by Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace.

Local Pioneers Will Hunt Without Cost

James Moss and Frank Owsley, pioneer residents of Oregon, are cleaning and oiling their guns preparatory to go hunting, the grouse and deer season having opened today. Mr. Moss and Mr. Owsley were residents of Oregon prior to 1879 and are eligible to a hunting license without cost.

Hunters Out After Game Early Today

La Grande Nimrods Hie to Hills Before Daylight to Be Ready for Opening of Season.

All through the night and into the wee small hours of morning as the gray dawn was breaking, car after car filled with men armed with guns slipped quietly past the city limits, onto the main highway and were swallowed in the shadows of the nearby hills.

Not posses in search of desperate criminals, nor vigilantes going forth to right some wrong—merely concrete and visual proof that the deer and grouse hunting seasons opened at daybreak.

Some of the hunters left later this morning, of course, but the majority of them got an early start and hastened to the hunting grounds of their selection.

No Reports Yet.

At press time, although an anxious city waited the results, no one had been reported with a deer safely on exhibition in one of the local show windows, although there were many who promised to bring home the venison. Which brings to mind the case of the man, last season, who promised many of his neighbors in La Grande that he would furnish them with venison a successful in his quest for deer.

Much to his own surprise and incidentally that of his neighbors this gentleman returned with a deer out found to his consternation that one small buck did not begin to go around to the many he had promised.

Many in Hills.

Although impossible to check up everyone who went this morning, the following were missing when roll was taken: B. W. Noyes, Charles Murchison, Bill Mohr, Ralph Werden, F. E. Ware, Ernest Watkins, H. E. Coolidge, C. N. Palmer, Otis Palmer and Claude Berry.

E. C. Herzinger, district manager of the Northern Life with his boss, A. J. Buzard, special field manager of Seattle, left at noon for a two weeks' trip to the head of the Snake river. G. L. Dutton and George Cochran plan to go out this afternoon.

FINAL HALF OF TAXES PAYABLE ON OCTOBER 5TH

Taxes for the second half are due on October 5, according to A. L. Helm, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections at the court house.

The penalty goes into effect on November 5. This is three per cent of the total. From October 5 to November 5 unpaid taxes incur the usual one per cent a month. The taxes not paid before November 5 will carry a five per cent interest fee and penalty. This total is reached by the one per cent each for two months and the penalty of three per cent after November 5.

The tax collectors have announced that persons paying taxes for the second half should bring with them their receipts for the first half. This will expedite matters considerably during the last rush before time of payment.

Quite a large amount of the taxes are in already and more are constantly being received.

Yankee Sluggers Crash Out Successive Homers

PHILADELPHIA (By Associated Press).—Successive home runs were made by Bob Meusel, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig of the Yankees in the fourth inning of the first game with the Athletics today. With Gray pitching, Meusel hit his 28th homer of the season, Ruth his 17th and Gehrig his 17th.

BASEBALL RESULTS.
(By the Associated Press)
American League.
New York 7, Philadelphia 3.
St. Louis 4, Chicago 2.
Cleveland 1, Detroit 6.
National League.
Philadelphia 4-2, Boston 6-0.

PLUMBING COURSE PLANNED

MARSHFIELD, Ore. — Plans nearly matured provide for adding plumbing instruction in the schools of North Bend and Marshfield, where apprentices may obtain knowledge of the trade. The plans provide for an official of the state plumbers' association visiting the bay once a week and giving general instruction, while the students at other times would obtain instruction in the manual training departments of the schools.

TWO SHOT IN RIOT.

DETROIT (By the Associated Press.) — Leon Briener was shot and killed and Eric Hubbard shot and seriously injured in a riot which occurred in the residential section here last night on Trobe street when a negro family moved into the street, previously inhabited only by white persons. The men shot were white.

OLD FINES CALLED IN BY AVERILL

Five Hundred Persons in State Must Pay Up or Go to Jail

$225 OWED STATE IN UNION COUNTY

Deputy Game Warden to Tour State, Arranging for Collection of Delinquent Sums.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press). — Five hundred individuals owing a total of $15,-42 to the state in fines for violation of state game laws during the past five years must pay up or go to jail within the next few weeks, State Game Warden Averill has announced.

He ordered Chief Deputy Warden Brown to visit the various counties and take steps for collection.

The amounts due to the state from various counties include: Benton, $175; Coos, $960; Curry, $275; Josephine, $275, and Union, $225.

Half to Game Fund

Fines unpaid are from persons found guilty who have been allowed to go by local magistrates.

Of the amounts due, half is to go to the state game fund and the other half to the county in which the fine is levied.

Similar action in regard to delinquent fines netted about $10,-000 three years ago, Averill said.

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Automobiles Cut Into Railroads' Business

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press.)—Railroads of the west are making "absolutely no profit" from their passenger service, President Charles Donnelly of the Northern Pacific Railway company, declared Wednesday at the western railroads freight rate advance cause hearing before Clyde B. Aitchison of the Interstate Commerce commission.

President Donnelly told of the inroads of private automobiles and buses. "Short haul business" he said, "is going more and more to busses and what we have lost there is no likelihood of recovering.

In 1919, he said, of the passenger service the Northern Pacific carried 9,326,000 passengers and earned $20,000,000 by it, but in 1924 the number of passengers had dropped to 5,697,000 and the revenue was only $13,000,000.

RECOMMENDS A LOWER SURTAX

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Treasury tax recommendations to congress are expected to include reduction of the surtax rates to a maximum of 20 per cent, repeal of the income tax publicity section and the taxing, if not entire elimination, of the estate tax.

Minor changes to close up loopholes in the present law will also be suggested.

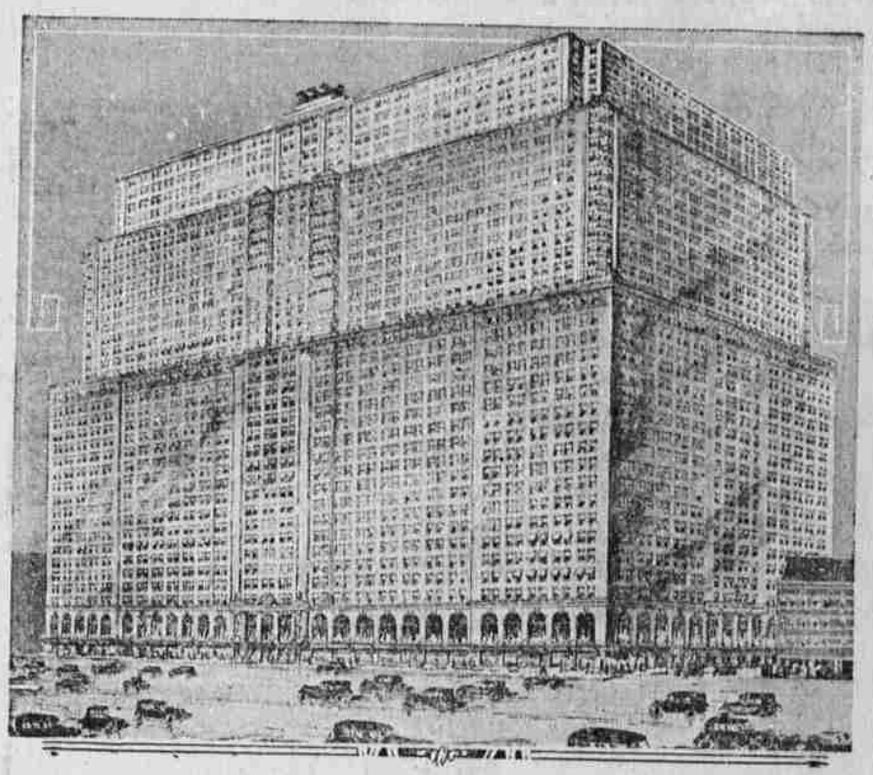
New People Constantly

There are new people arriving in La Grande constantly. They want homes, apartments, rooming places, places to eat—hundreds of things that go to make up every-day living.

The Observer has immediate contact with these people. They buy a paper on the street, come into the office, search the Want Ads for things that will meet their needs. If you have something to rent, sell or trade, you can reach these new people through The Observer's Want Ads at minimum cost. Returns are immediate.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service."

Chicago to Have Largest Building



A huge structure 39 stories high and covering an entire block will be built in Chicago. It will contain a big convention hall, a large hotel and hundreds of office rooms. The hotel, consisting of 1,000 rooms will be perched on top of the offices, extending from the twenty-second to the thirty-ninth floor. The interior court of the structure will be used for the convention hall with a seating capacity of 35,000. Work will start next spring and the cost is estimated at $40,-000,000.

HARVESTS ARE BELOW NORMAL

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press.)—The department of agriculture has placed the country's wheat yield at 13 bushels an acre, compared with 16.1 last year. The forecast of the crop is 700 million bushels this year, compared with 872 million bushels last year.

WASHINGTON, (By the Associated Press.)—Crop yields this year will be on the whole, well below the average of recent years, the department of agriculture's crop reporting board has announced in its September production forecasts.

Corn deteriorated on account of dry weather in large areas and indicated production now is $2,855,-000,000 bushels, a loss of 65 million in the last month. The indicated crop is 448,000,000 bushels more than produced last year but slightly under the average of the last five years.

Spring wheat yields are running slightly higher than early expectations. The crop is now forecast at 284 million bushels, or twenty-one million more than early August conditions indicated and one million more than was produced last year. Winter wheat already harvested, is estimated at 416 million bushels, making the country's total prospective wheat crop 700 million bushels, or twenty two million bushels more than produced last year, but 127 million bushels less than the five year average.

Potato Prospects Poor

Irish potato prospects declined nine million bushels because of hot weather in August, with drouth in many sections. The crop is now forecast at 344 million bushels which is 141 million bushels smaller than last year's harvest. Its proportion to population the potato crop seems likely to be the smallest since 1916, but the final weeks of the growing season may change the outlook materially. Indications are for a yield of about 100 bushels an acre as compared with 124 last year.

Threshing of oats shows results against earlier expectations and production of 1,462,000,000 bushels is indicated. That is a gain of seventy-five million over last month's forecast.

Rains during August improved the tobacco crop in the east. Indicated production is placed at 1,247,000,000 pounds, an increase of thirteen million over a month ago.

Peanuts suffered from the widespread drouth in the southern states, the crop now being forecast at 698 million pounds.

Fruit prospects have changed but little in the month and are still below the usual average.

"David D. Joyce" Says Pathetic Tale False

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press). — Breaking down under questioning, the man who gave his name as David D. Joyce, and told a pathetic story of his robbery by a band he had befriended, admitted last evening that his story was false and had been told to insure himself a bed and hot breakfast.

Arrest Five Youths For Hurling Eggs

Gang Alleged to Have Defaced Slain W. C. T. U. President's Property in Custody.

VINTON, Iowa (By the Associated Press).—Five youths, Louis Gilchrist, Pete Tritten, George Thomas, Walter Long and Merlin Swarthaugh were arrested and jailed last night, charged with defacing a private residence as the result of an alleged confession by Swarthaugh at the coroner's inquest that these boys were members of a gang which threw rotten eggs at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Cook, W. C. T. U. president, who was assassinated Monday night.

Coroner Modlin said the youths were not taken in connection with the slaying but were arrested in the hope that they might supply information leading to a clue of the slayer.

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ROBBERS BELIEVED DEAD

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP).—Sheriff Shuster, of Clatsop county, announced that he had obtained information that two of the, four men who robbed the Astoria, Ore. bank last October were killed on July at Buckeye, Wash. by bullets fired by citizens after the two had robbed, shot and killed William Rose, mercaant. "Whitney" Wade, in jail here, is charged with being the third man of the Astoria robbery quartet and officers are now hunting for the fourth man, whose identity is believed known.

MAY WHEAT DROPS

CHICAGO (AP). — May wheat dropped more than five cents a bushel as the result of yesterday's government crop report. May wheat fell to $1.52½ a bushel.

FAVORS FULL PROBE.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acting Secretary of War Davis favors a full investigation by a disinterested agency of the charges Colonel Mitchell made against the army administration of the air service, Davis told his colleagues in the department that such an investigation should be made by some one other than the war department itself if the public is to be entirely satisfied.

TWO DIE OF DIPHTHERIA

FREEWATER, Ore.—Two small sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Haunch died of the family home near the Fruitvale community from diphtheria. The boys had been ill for several days before their illness was diagnosed.

A third boy about 11 years of age is ill with the disease. The three room school in that community has been closed awaiting further developments.

GALE BEATEN; RESCUE MADE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—After battling an 80-mile gale and rescuing the crew of two small boats from a Danish naval vessel, the Island Tauik, the steamer Bowdoin of the MacMillan arctic expedition, has joined the Peary at Godthaab, Greenland.

THREE MEN DROWNED

HAVRE DE GRACE, Md. (By the Associated Press). — Three members of the crew of Alfred DuPont's yacht Tenemoosha were drowned by the capsizing of a small boat. A fourth member of the crew was rescued.

Coroner's Jury Frees Man of Killing Charge

BAKER, Ore. (Special)—G. C. Tucker died of an infection resulting from a wound inflicted by Dave Arthur, who acted in self defense.

This was the verdict of a coroner's jury last night following an inquest of three and one-half hours duration into the death of Tucker, who, it appeared, was stabbed with the sharp prong of a miner's lamp by Arthur on September 1 at the Mother Lode mine, after he struck Arthur during an altercation over his discharge from the employ of the mine. Mr. Arthur is foreman of the Mother Lode.

LUMBER LOSS GREAT.

HAWKESBURY, Canada (By the Associated Press.) — Loss of approximately $7,000,000, said to be well covered by insurance, was caused yesterday when 50,000,000 feet of lumber belonging to the Hawkesbury Lumber company were destroyed by the fire. The flames raged for five hours before being brought under control.

PRESIDENT RETURNS TO CAPITAL

Coolidge's Special Train Reaches Washington at 1:18 P. M.

INVIGORATED BY LONG VACATION

Chief Executive Ready to Plunge into Tasks of His Office Immediately upon Arrival.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press.) — President Coolidge has returned to the White House after a summer outing in New England. His train reached Washington at 1:18 p. m., after an overnight run from Salem, Mass.

COOLIDGE SPECIAL En Route to Washington (By the Associated Press).—Well rested by an 11-weeks stay at Swampscott, Mass., President Coolidge is traveling back to Washington, ready to plunge into the tasks of his office immediately.

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass. (By the Associated Press). — Invigorated by his 11-weeks stay, President Coolidge pulled up stakes Wednesday night at his summer retreat and turned toward Washington enthusiastic over prospects of a successful winter in congress as outlined to him in numerous conferences with administration leaders.

Before leaving Wednesday night the president received a most optimistic report from Representative Longworth, Republican, of Ohio, who will be speaker of the next house. Mr. Longworth predicted the house would approve a tax reduction bill making substantial cuts in income rates before the first of the year. If successful, this program will permit final action by congress on a tax bill before March 15, when the first payments of the new year are due.

Pointing out that Chairman Green expected to call the ways and means committee together next month to formulate a rev-

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GERMANS FIGHT SECRET ORDER

BERLIN (By the Associated Press).—Two Americans, father and son, alleged to be behind the recent organization here of the "Knights of the Fiery Cross," patterned after the Ku Klux Klan, have been arrested by the German police in Silesia. They are Otto Strohschein, 53, and Gothard Strohschein, both German born, but now American citizens and recently residents of Chicago.

A third American, Don Burton Gray, 21, is reported to have left Germany three weeks ago and to be in Chicago now.

It is alleged the order was founded in several cities since 1923, financed with funds from Klan circles in America, and that it played an active part in the revolt of the so-called "Black Reichswehr" in 1923.

The police found a roster of the members of the order and orders have been issued for the arrest of all members in the larger cities.

Prune Picking To Start At Cove On September 15

The annual Union county prune harvest will get under way about the middle of next week, according to present indications. The greater share of the prunes grown in the Grande Ronde valley are in the neighborhood of Union and Cove. Crop conditions indicate a good yield although no figures have been given as to the extent of the crop as yet.

Cove orchardists expect to start picking and packing about September 15.

PRUNE HARVEST STARTS

ROSEBURG, Ore. (By the Associated Press.)—The prune harvest started yesterday in the southern part of the county, hastened considerably by the heavy rains of the week end. The tendency of prunes to develop brown rot following warm rains has forced the growers to hurry the ripened fruit into the driers, and no time is being lost in getting pickers started. Indications are that the county will produce about 6,000,000 pounds of prunes, slightly less than half a crop, this year. The sizes, however, are running higher than usual.

SHIPPING IDAHO PRUNES.

NAMPA, Ida. (Special)—Idaho's prune crop this season will run from 800 to 1000 cars, Burton Chaney, Idaho manager for Steinhardt & Kelly, New York fruit and vegetable distributors, estimates. A total of 474 cars have already been shipped. Prevailing f. o. b. prices are from 55 cents to 60 cents a suitcase.

The apple crop of this district will be large. This year's peach crop was light, there are few pears and practically no apricots.

Traffic Facts Revealed By Major Williams Covell

(By Charles P. Stewart.)

WASHINGTON, (NEA Special.) — Major William E. R. Covell, assistant to Engineer Commissioner James Franklin Bell of the District of Columbia, knows more about city traffic, afoot and ahorse, than anybody in the world.

He has just finished a survey of it in Washington, for the district commissioners, and for thoroughness it never was equalled in history.

While it was limited to the capital, most of the conditions it revealed are common to all big cities, at any rate in the United States.

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Some time ago congress passed a bill authorizing Washington's various street car and autobus lines to merge. The commissioners wanted to know if it were desirable to go ahead and merge them.

They had to find out all about traffic first, to decide.

That was the survey's Genesis.

Covell was put in charge. He's thorough by nature. He had plenty of money—$50,000—to do a good job. And the despotic form of the district's government provided him with an excellent machine for his work.

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More pedestrains are hit by autos between 5 and 6 p. m. than at any other time of day or night. Presumably this is because visibility is low, but autoists and pedestrians to get used to it.

Besides, it's an hour when most people are bent on pleasure and therefore careless.

Eleven to noon is the peak hour for autos to hit fixed objects—as their drivers are scooting home for lunch.

But the rush hour is from 5 to 6, because more people go home to dinner than to lunch. That's when most autos collide. These are some of the things Covell ascertained.