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FIRST CROP OF ALFALFA YIELD POOR

Grande Ronde Valley Cutting Shows Hay One-Third Below Normal

LOSS LAID TO THREE CAUSES

Lack of Moisture, Cold Weather, and Recent Freezes Blamed for the Condition.

The first cutting of alfalfa hay in the Grande Ronde valley is only about 33 1-3 per cent of what it should be this year, H. G. Avery, county agriculturist, reports. Practically all of the first crop has been mowed and about two-thirds of it is already up—about two weeks earlier than in normal years. Usually the cutting of the first crop is just starting at this time.

Three things have helped to lessen the hay crop this year, mainly the lack of moisture during the winter season. The cold spring weather, also held the crop back and the recent frosts damaged it to some extent.

Cove Crops Do Well

Hay fields on the Cove slope received practically no damage by the frost and there the crops are better, while other fields over the valley produced about half of what they ordinarily would.

If enough rain falls between now and the last of July the second crop may be benefited by it and prove much better than the first cutting. Not only alfalfa crops are poor this year, but timothy and other hay crops are small, mostly because of the unfavorable moisture conditions.

Condition General.

A. R. Hunter, who visited in Baker county yesterday and Wallowa county earlier in the week, reports that the hay crops in the adjoining counties is also less than usual.

BISHOP CANNON IN ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE

Sylvester Q. Cannon, presiding bishop of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, who arrived this morning from Salt Lake City, is the eminent guest and speaker of the quarterly conference that began a two-day session at the tabernacle here this morning. The public is invited to hear him.

Only about 150 delegates were in attendance at the morning meeting, but the number is expected to increase to 300 or 400 for the services at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Sunday.

Bishop Cannon delivered the keynote address at the opening meeting. He is expected to speak at each of the three subsequent sessions. Local speakers will include Joel Horton, of Union; Charles J. Black and Lehi Wright, of La Grande.

W. J. Hanks is president, and Elmer I. Stoddard and C. J. Black, councilors of the stake represented in this conference.

Aged Farmer Crushed By Hay Wagon

John Frederick Meyer, 66, Succumbs to Injuries Received While at Work in Field.

John Frederick Meyer, 66, died at his farm home at Pumpkin Ridge, in the Summerville vicinity, yesterday afternoon at about 3 o'clock the result of injuries received yesterday morning when he was thrown from his hay rack and two wagon wheels passed over him.

Mr. Meyer and his son John Jr., and Herman Stroeber were putting up hay at the Meyer farm on Pumpkin Ridge. Mr. Meyer was driving the wagon, which was almost loaded with hay when one of the front wheels went in a small hole and he was thrown from the wagon behind the horses. The horses kept moving and both wagon wheels passed over his left side and head.

His left arm was broken in two places, four ribs were broken, and his chest badly crushed, besides internal injuries. Dr. C. S. Moore was called from La Grande, but the man was too badly injured to be helped much. He was conscious until he died about six hours after the accident. His son and young Stroeber, who were working in

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TRIO INJURED IN CAR WRECK

Slippery Highway Results in Accident Near Union to California Tourist Party.

Miss Kate Chereman, the most seriously injured of a party of four tourists whose car overturned on the Old Oregon Trail highway this side of Union yesterday afternoon spent a fairly comfortable night and will unquestionably recover, according to physicians at the Hot Lake sanatorium where the party was taken.

The accident interrupted a trip to Boston, Mass., which George Pritchard, of Montesano county, California, has been planning since he left his eastern home 53 years ago. Accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Emma Pritchard, and sister-in-law, Miss Chenerman, the party was driving through.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard both suffered severe cuts and bruises. Miss Chereman, who was most tightly pinned under the overturn-

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Ford Prices Reduced; Cut Effective Today

The Ford Motor company, represented here by the W. C. Perkins Motor company, this morning put into effect a second price reduction on all models in the Ford line of automobiles.

Mr. Perkins reports that the national price cut ranges from $40 to $55 including chassis and truck models.

SHIPMENTS OF FREIGHT INCREASE

May and April Figures Better Than in 1925 on O.-W. R. R. & N.

25 MEN CALLED BACK TO SERVICE

Twenty Carloads of Cherries Sent Through La Grande from West Oregon Yesterday.

Between 15 and 20 per cent more freight was handled in the O.-W. R. and N. yards here during April and May of this year than last year, Walter Guild, superintendent of this division, said this morning.

During the past month about 25 trainmen have been called back into the services of the company to handle the work. The freight increase seems to be mostly in the amount of coal, lumber and automobiles shipped over the railway.

More express for this time of the year is also traveling over the line at present, Mr. Guild said, most of this being fruit. Yesterday about 20 carloads of cherries were shipped through La Grande from west of here. They were going mostly to New York and other far east points.

GOVERNOR IS AT UNION ATTENDING GRANGE MEETING

Governor Walter M. Pierce arrived in La Grande this morning on Train No. 24 and was taken to Union immediately afterward by his son Lloyd. The governor will deliver an address this afternoon to grangers of four counties gathered at the experiment station there for the annual Eastern Oregon picnic of the organization.

Other speakers on the program include W. B. Wagner, of Idaho, and grange officials from Union, Wallowa, Malheur and Baker counties.

Despite the inclement weather, reports from Union indicate a good attendance.

W. B. Davis to Report To Court Wednesday

A hearing on the report of Wilbur B. Davis, of Union, on his findings and acts as receiver for the Central Railroad of Oregon, has been set by Judge J. W. Knowles for 10 a. m. Wednesday in the circuit court.

Davis was discharged by Judge Knowles Friday, June 11, when at the request of Charles E. Graham and Edwin Wilcock, directors of the road, the receivership was dissolved. Since that date the road has been under the resumed management of Charles E. More.

Dwight Martin Appeals Case After Conviction

Dwight Martin gave notice of appeal this morning when Judge Hugh E. Brady sentenced him to a fine of $500 and 60 days in jail on his conviction of liquor possession in a trial without jury in the justice court. His bond was placed at $500.

The court held the crime a second offense, Martin having pleaded guilty to a possession charge in 1925.

Col. F. S. Ivanhoe is the defendant's attorney.

Reynolds Farm Becomes Emergency Landing Field

Pilot Taft, who toppled his mail plane, breaking a propeller blade, when he was forced by engine trouble to land in a plowed field at the east edge of town Thursday morning, established a new emergency field before he left La Grande yesterday.

Hereafter, if a mail pilot finds it necessary to alight in the Grande Ronde valley on his Boise to Pasco flight, he will use an open field on the Reynolds ranch, about two miles east of town on the Oregon Trail highway.

A wind indicator—an instrument the aviators dub a sock, and on which they rely for information as to the direction and force of wind over a landing field—will be dropped in the streets of La Grande some morning soon for erection at the new emergency site.

La Guardia Mixes 'Beer' Within Law

New York Representative Shows Doubting Thomases How It Is Done for 15 Cents.

WASHINGTON, June 19. (AP)—Under the shadow of the capitol where the Volstead law was written and passed, Representative LaGuardia, progressive-socialist, New York, today combined two beverages permitted under that law and got what he described as "a legal drink with a kick of 2.84 percent."

The beverages used were Pabst Extract, the malt tonic with 3.75 alcoholic content for which a permit was issued recently by the treasury department and Budweiser beer of one-half of one per cent.

The demonstration was held in his private office in the building after the house alcoholic liquor traffic committee of which LaGuardia is the only wet member, had failed to obtain a quorum to witness the experiment.

Mixes Two Drinks.

Entering his office, LaGuardia walked to a table, his secretary handed him two bottles, one containing the malt tonic, the other the near beer. He fumbled with the caps and then borrowed a bottle opener from a photographer.

"Now watch," he said. "This is within the law."

He filled an ordinary drinking glass two-thirds full of the 3.75 per cent tonic. With a smile he poured in the near beer.

At first nothing happened. Then with a pencil for lack of a spoon, he stirred. A thick dark foam slowly rose to the brim and overflowed on the floor.

While the photographers clicked their machines, LaGuardia called Julian Richards from the crowd that packed his office and gave him a taste. He introduced Richards as having been connected with the Christian-Heirich Brewing company of Washington, for 15 years.

Tastes Delightful

"It tastes delightful," Richards said.

After Richards took a second drink La Guardia asked: "What does it taste like?"

The witness was not sure but thought it resembled Meuchner.

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LIFE AT CAMP IS DESCRIBED

Company E, La Grande, Pleased with Camp Jackson — Demonstrations Viewed.

CAMP JACKSON, Medford, Ore., June 19 (Special).—The second day in camp proved more strenuous but much more interesting than the first.

The morning started with calisthenics, which were followed by breakfast consisting of scrambled eggs, ham and fried potatoes.

The rest of the forenoon was spent in preparing for equipment inspection and a short period of close order drill.

Dinner was served at 11:30 a. m. On the menu were: boiled beef, mashed potatoes, succotash, brown gravy and bread custard.

At 1:30 p. m. we were called out to hike about one and a half miles to Roxy Anne mountain to watch a demonstration of a pla-

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Husband Shoots Wife In Hospital, Suicides

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. June 19. (AP)—After shooting his wife here last night, Louis Mayers, a plumber's helper, went to the hospital, where she lay dangerously wounded early today, shot her again and then turned the weapon on himself.

Mayers died a few hours later without regaining consciousness. His wife's condition is critical.

Boys Fires at Rabbit; Bullet Strikes Woman

MEDFORD, Ore. June 19. (AP)—Harry Elden 14, a farmer youth, told Sheriff Jennings last evening how he fired a .22 calibre rifle and missed a jack rabbit near the Pacific highway north of Central Point yesterday afternoon. The bullet, says officers, was the one that struck Mrs. E. F. Schroeder, of Myrtle Point, Ore., while riding in an open automobile en route with her husband and son to California. The injuried woman is at a local hospital in a critical condition.

CLEANUP IN PORTLAND IS STARTED

Thirty-Six Indictments Returned by Grand Jury on Gambling

ACTION FOLLOWS CLARKE'S EXPOSE

Governor Pierce Is to Give Decision on Pastor's Request Early Next Week.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 19 (AP)—Faced with the task of rounding up 42 persons, mostly Chinese, who were indicted on gambling charges on information furnished by the Rev. Clement G. Clarke, pastor of the First Congregational church, officers today called upon the clergyman to help in making the arrests.

Thirty-six indictments some of which named more than one person were returned by the county grand jury. They were made out in the names of "John Doe" and "Richard Roe" and gave addresses where the gambling was alleged to have been conducted.

Clarke told the officers that he had not personally visited the places named, but that two witnesses who furnished him with the information would assist. One of these witnesses was out of town, and the other was too busy today to aid, but promised to guide the officers Monday.

PORTLAND, Ore. June 19 (AP)—Officers were ordered to make arrests on 36 indictments returned by a county grand jury charging gambling. The indictments followed exposures recently made by the Rev. Clement G. Clarke, pastor of the First Congregational church.

Clarke declared that he would present at his Sunday night services the witnesses he had gathered in support of his charges that gambling had been conducted in Portland. He added that one member of the grand jury would be on hand to explain what efforts had been made to block the investigation. Clarke recently charged that the May grand jury had "whitewashed" the gambling situation in Portland.

SALEM, Ore. June 19. (AP)—The request of the Rev. Clement G. Clarke, of Portland, mailed to Governor Pierce several days ago, that the attorney general be asked to prosecute gambling cases in Portland is being considered by the governor and he will reach a decision early next week. This promise is made to Clarke in a letter mailed him by the governor last night.

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Two-Year Fight for Child Won by Woman

SALT LAKE CITY, June 19. (AP)—Mrs. Hilda Betty Cooke, former wife of James Henry Cooke, Toronto barrister, was today awarded custody of their daughter Shirley by a decision handed down by the supreme court.

This is believed to bring an end to litigation over the custody of the child covering a period of two years and reaching from the courts of Canada and several states in this country.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NEW YORK (AP)	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	4	6	2
New York	2	6	0

Batteries — Kremer and Gooch; Ring, Barnes and Snyder, Florence.

BOSTON (AP)	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	4	11	0
Boston	0	7	0

Batteries—Haines and O'Farrell; Benton, Vargus and J. Taylor.

Second game—	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	3	8	1
Boston	2	7	2

Batteries—H. Bell and Warnick; Genewich and Gibson.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	8	14	3
Philadelphia	2	9	2

Batteries — Donohue and Hargrave; Knight and Henline.

Second game—	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	14	15	1
Philadelphia	8	12	3

Batteries—J. May and Picinich; Willoughby, Dean and Jonnard.

BROOKLYN (AP)	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	4	0
Brooklyn	7	12	0

Batteries—Bush and Hartnett; Petty and O'Neill.

Carl Magee and Children

Carl Magee, New Mexico's fighting editor, recently acquitted of manslaughter in connection with the accidental killing of John D. Lassiter at Las Vegas, N. M., is shown here with his two children. Magee is in the center, with his son Theodore, on his right and his daughter, Gertrude, on his left.

ATTITUDE OF U. S. VOICED

James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, Speaks of Tolerance at Eucharistic Congress.

CHICAGO, June 19. (AP)—The attitude of the United States toward religious freedom and tolerance has been voiced in the presence of high church men of the Catholic heirarchy here for the twenty-eighth Eucharistic congress.

It came from the lips of James J. Davis, secretary of labor, here as the representative of President Coolidge for Chicago's civic reception last night to congress delegates.

Secretary Davis delivered a message from the president to Cardinal Mundelein in response to an invitation to attend the congress. He followed with a speech in which he referred to the Catholic colony of Maryland sharing with Rhode Island the honor of being the first in America to establish the principals of religious tolerance.

Davis Applauded.

Frequently he was applauded but when he came to the sentence "If there is any prejudice against Catholics in America it comes from persons who make a specialty of prejudice—" A tremendous roar of approval went up from the audience. Ten red robed cardinals on the platform and other church dignitaries joined in the applause. A minute later he added, "and like other countries we have a few that do."

Again he touched a responsive chord, near the end of his speech, when he declared:

"I can promise you will always

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MARTIN COMPANY WILL CONSTRUCT 100 NAVY PLANES

WASHINGTON, June 19. (AP)—A contract for 100 navy planes has been let by the department to the Glenn Martin company, of Cleveland, Ohio, which submitted the lowest bid in the tenders received several days ago.

The total cost of the planes under the total made available for the planes was $4,100,000. Four other companies submitted bids.

Senate Investigators Adjourn Until Monday

WASHINGTON, June 19. (AP)—The senate campaign funds committee suddenly called off today's session of its hearings and announced it would resume the inquiry next Monday with Wayne B. Wheeler, of the Anti-Saloon League, on the stand.

Bulletins

WASHINGTON, June 19. (AP)—The row in the Pennsylvania Women's Christian Temperance Union over the disposition of a large sum raised for prohibition work is to be aired before the senate campaign funds committee.

ROME, June 19. (AP)—An extradition treaty between Italy and Turkey was signed today.

WASHINGTON, June 19. (AP)—The prospective government surplus for the current fiscal year was increased to more than $300,000,000, it was indicated ttoday at the treasury by the income tax collections for the present quarter.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 19. (AP)—Harold Smith, aged 20, employe of the Forest Lumber company at Chiloquin, died this morning of tetanus, commonly known as lock jaw.

PARIS, June 19. (AP)—Edouard Herriott, charged by President Doumergue with the task of forming a cabinet, spent the entire morning discussing measures to save the franc and finally settle the country's pressing financial problem. Until he reaches a conclusion on these questions, it is said, constitution of the new ministery will be held in abeyance.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 19. (AP)—John Peiber, Broadway saloonkeeper, has capitulated to police and dry agents after a siege of several hours during which many shots were exchanged and tear gas bombs were used to dislodge him from behind his barricaded door.

ROBBERS GET $6,900

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. June 19 (AP)—Two robbers held up Kent Gaylord, cashier of the Locomotive Finished Material company, at Atchison, Kans., today as he was returning from a bank with the plant payroll and escaped with $6,945.

TWO UNDER ARREST IN DEATH CASE

Police of Northwest Still on Lookout for Miss Gaines' Slayer

ROSEBURG SENDS IN FINGERPRINTS

Man Held in Seattle Believed Innocent of the Crime — Boys Tell of Seeing Suspect.

SEATTLE, June 19. (AP)—Edward Dietsch was released this afternoon.

SEATTLE, June 19 (AP).—Edward Dietsch, arrested as a suspect in connection with the murder of Sylvia Gaines, was retained in custody today, although Captain Tennant expressed his belief that the man was innocent.

The suspected slayer said he stayed in a Seattle hotel the night Miss Gaines was attacked and killed.

Russel Miles 12, and Willie McKinley, 10, told police they were picking berries on a hill yesterday about a mile from the lake when a man appeared from the brush.

"He grabbed my shoulder," related Russell. "I shook him loose and we ran down the hill. He was a big man."

Charles Haag, a baker, reported that Saturday night he heard Miss Gaines telephoning to a Mrs. Johnson from a drug store, while Wallace C. Gaines, father of the girl stood outside.

Girl Was Excited.

"I noticed the girl because she was excited," explained Haag. "I [illegible] store [illegible]

Mrs. [illegible] mother of [illegible] and wife of [illegible] Gaines, who arrived [illegible] from California [illegible] the death of Sylvia [illegible] to her.

Detectives [illegible] last night they had learned that Gaines, who parted 16 years ago in Massachusetts from Sylvia's mother, now Mrs. H. E. [illegible], of Lynnfield, Mass., and his second wife, had quarreled over the presence of the girl in the Gaines home.

"Sylvia and her father were inseparable companions," Mrs. Elizabeth Gaines [illegible]. "I know she was happy. She never went out with any [illegible], and the only place I know of she went away from home was to her uncle's."

This uncle is William A. Gaines, of Seattle, chairman of the King county commissioners.

Husband Suffers Shock

Mrs. Gaines expressed great concern over the health of her husband, a World war veteran, who had suffered from shell shock.

"This shock may be very bad for him," she said.

"Sylvia never spoke to us of

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WOMEN LAUNCH GREAT CRUSADE AGAINST STRIFE

LONDON, June 19. (AP)—The great women's "army of peace" made up of hosts who have been tramping from all parts of the country for many days toward London, opened its moral attack on war in Hyde Park this afternoon.

By 5 o'clock London's huge playground contained massed thousands of crusaders against war and more thousands continued to stream into the park through a marble arch over a broad road that had been designated as "the road to peace."

Citizens To Select School Directors Monday Afternoon

Some women mix valuable years of their lives with suds. And like suds, those years are thrown away. To their husbands we'd say, if there's no washing machine advertised in the regular pages of this paper, look over the classified ads. If you don't see a good used washer for sale reasonably, you may find a washerwoman advertising who makes a business of rubbing away her fingers, though the chances are she has an electric washer. Some men buy their wives such a machine and then retire. It is being done. Ask one of 'em.

Mrs. Washerwoman, here's one for you: Why not advertise regularly in the Want Ad columns. You don't know how many customers you've missed.

"USE THE WANT ADS"
"READ THE WANT ADS"

Electors in school districts over all the state, with the exception of Portland, will go to the polls Monday afternoon from two until seven o'clock to cast votes in favor of school directors. Portland is voting today.

In the La Grande district three candidates, with two to be elected, are on the ballot.

L. W. Weeks and Dr. R. P. Landis are candidates for re-election and Robert Eakin seeks a seat on the board of education.

The election will be held at the Central grade school building on Fourth street.

There has been some confusion in reference to qualifications of voters, largely due to different rules in Portland which many have construed to apply to the state as a whole which is not the case.

Any citizen of La Grande, male or female, 21 years of age or older, who has been a resident in the state for six months and a resident of the school district for 30 days is eligible to vote. Ownership of property has no bearing upon the qualifications.

NEW YORK, June 19. (AP)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows excess reserves of $19,758,890. This is an increase of $27,170,410 compared with last week's when a deficit in reserve of $7,411,530 was reported.

Husband, 19, Faces Charges Of Assault Filed By Wife, 17

NEW YORK, June 19. (AP)—Rogers McDermott, 19-year-old son of a wealthy Connecticut family, today faces charges of felonious assault filed by his 17-year-old wife on the grounds that he made no effort to stop her when she attempted suicide.

Mrs. Katherine Meister McDermott brought the charges against him yesterday, the first on such a basis ever to come before the New York courts. Thus ended a high school romance which culminated in a runaway wedding last October.

The couple have been living in a single room and trying to make ends meet on McDermott's slender earnings as an oiler in Grand Central station, a life which the school-girl bride, who is the daughter of Herman Meister, a wealthy builder, found was in too great a contrast with her previous life in the substantial Flatbush home of her parents. Mr. McDermott's family manufactures silverware.

While out walking on May 24 Mrs. McDermott announced she was going to take poison. The fatalistic young husband replied calmly. "Don't take it in front of me. I'll go in and buy some candy while you take it." The girl thereupon gulped two poison tablets, fell to the sidewalk and was taken to a hospital from which she was recently discharged. She has been living with her parents since.

After his arrest, McDermott was released in $5000 bail for trial next Friday and went home with his mother. His lawyers protested that "all this is unheard of."