

FIRE DESTROYS IRON WORKS

LOSS TODAY IS FIGURED AT \$40,000

Dave Fitzgerald, Owner, Expects to Rebuild Immediately

INSURANCE PARTLY COVERS DAMAGE

Absence of Wind Prevents Spread of Fire to Claude C. Pratt Lumber Company

The La Grande Iron Works, owned by Dave Fitzgerald, was totally destroyed by fire this morning with a loss of approximately \$40,000, which was partly covered by insurance.

This morning Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he planned to rebuild immediately. When questioned as to insurance, he replied that he had about a fourth of what the plant should have carried.

Rains Still Smoking. At noon today the rains were still smoking, with occasional gusts showing here and there in the mass.

Firemen, called to the scene shortly before midnight after Pete Bosquet Jr. turned in the alarm, found the iron works too far gone to extinguish the fire, so turned the efforts to controlling it and preventing further spread to the Claude C. Pratt lumber company buildings, which were threatened. Many voted the opinion that had a wind been blowing the lumber company and several residences nearby would have been burned also. Not a breeze stirred the air, however.

Origin Unknown. The blaze's origin is more of a mystery. When Mr. Bosquet discovered the fire, it had

STAGE COLLIDES WITH NAG; HORSE HURT ABOUT HIPS

The collision of a Red Star stage with a horse running loose on the highway between Hot Lake and Union at 11 a. m. today was reported about the sheriff's office at noon by Lewis Runyan, of Baker, who was driving. The animal was cut about the hips but was able to run away. Runyan told the officer.

100 Attend Free Auction in La Grande This Afternoon

Elgin Girl Cans Five Million Quarts Fruit

If one were to read a news item which justified such a headline there would be one Elgin girl who did more than get her name in the paper. She probably would be ranked as a millionaire.

Miss Swikert Wins Bathing Beauty Title

La Grande Girl to Represent City at American Legion State Contest at Coos Bay.

Miss Ethel Swikert will represent the La Grande post of the American Legion at this year's state convention to be held at Coos Bay August 5, 6 and 7. Miss Swikert was announced as the winner in the bathing beauty contest, conducted by the legion during the past four weeks, at an American Legion dance at Zuber hall last night. The contest closed at 6 o'clock.

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IRRIGATION ADVOCATED FOR VALLEY

Land Settlement Committee of Portland Advises Local Men

SMALLER FARMS ALSO ADVOCATED

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DRY TELLS OF LEAGUE EXPENSES

Wayne B. Wheeler Is Quizzed by Reed Before Committee

LEAGUE'S YEAR BOOK IN ERROR

Cost of Prohibition Campaign at One Time Averaged About \$2,500,000 a Year.

WASHINGTON, June 23 (AP).—Taking the witness stand after a private consultation with committee members, Wayne B. Wheeler resumed his story of Anti-Saloon League activities today at an open session of the senate campaign funds committee.

He was again questioned in detail about league finances and league policies, and in order to be in a position to reply, he took with him to the stand a mass of information brought to Washington at the committee's request from the league headquarters at Westerville, Ohio.

Chairman Reed began without preliminaries a series of questions on the basis of the year book of the dry league for 1925. Wheeler sat back from the table with his chair on the dais. He chewed on the end of a yellow pencil.

"Is this the year book of the Anti-Saloon League?" Reed asked, as he passed the book over.

"Yes, it is prepared by Dr. ..."

MANY EXPECT TO MAKE TRIP INTO WALLOWA COUNTY

More reservations are being made each day for the Wallowa county caravan, which leaves here tomorrow afternoon for a two days' trip through the neighboring county, Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce, announced this morning.

The committee in charge is asking the people to make reservations without waiting for the committee to ask them. All reservations must be made before tomorrow noon.

The caravan will leave at 5:30 o'clock. The Enterprise meeting, tomorrow evening—the first of the series—will be presided over by J. P. Morelock, chairman of the U. P. appointed committee, which is conducting the caravan. The visitors have been promised an interesting program by the people of Enterprise.

Wallowa Enthusiastic. A great deal of enthusiasm is being shown by the people of Wallowa, where the final meeting will be held Friday evening. Dr. W. T. Pity, president of the Union county chamber of commerce, will preside at that meeting. Wallowa people will furnish a musical program during the dinner.

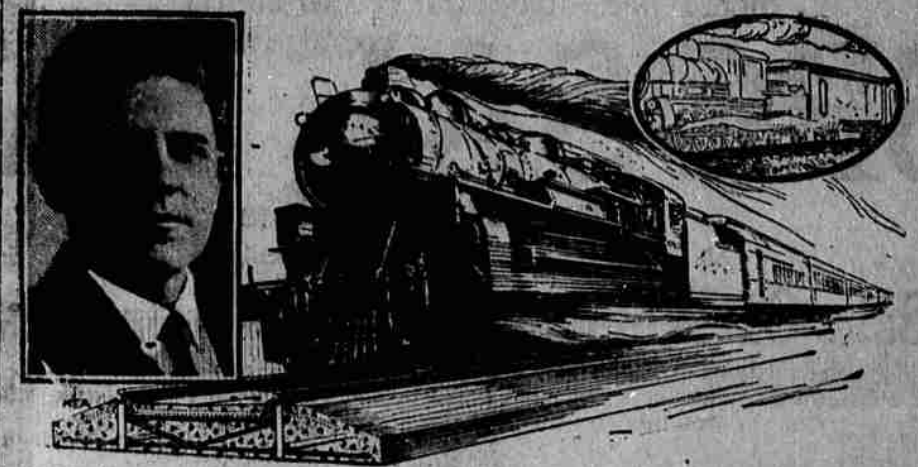
Besides the programs being offered by the Wallowa county people, a 16-piece band, under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr. will accompany the Union county caravan.

Thursday Night at Lake. Thursday night will be spent at the Wood-ranch hotel at Wallowa lake and J. C. MacPherson, manager there, announced that everything is in readiness for the party.

A chairman for the Joseph meeting, Friday noon, has not yet been chosen. After lunch and a program at Joseph there will be several side trips. One of these trips will probably follow the "red arrow" sign leading through Wallowa county's farming district.

Portland Woman Dies of Kerosene Burns. PORTLAND, Ore., June 23 (AP).—Mrs. P. A. Arala, 45, died early today from burns received while kindling a fire with kerosene in a stove at a roadhouse near here, which was operated by her husband and her. She used a half-gallon container of oil which exploded, covering her with flames. Her husband was badly burned about the hands and arms trying to smother the blaze.

Trains May Average 100 Miles An Hour



A diagram of a concrete road bed, showing how the rails will be fastened to steel girders sunk in the concrete. Engineers believe that on such a track trains may attain a speed of 100 miles an hour. Upper right, a sketch of the way ordinary roadbeds develop "waves"; left, President Frank H. Alfred, of the Pere Marquette road.

GUARDSMEN IN SECRET DRILL

Camp Jackson Deserted Today—Official Temperature of Medford Yesterday 102 Above.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 23 (AP).—The official temperature for this city Tuesday was 102 degrees, moderated slightly by a northerly breeze.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 23 (AP).—Camp Jackson was deserted today by the national guardmen camped there. The troops left at daybreak for secret maneuvers and a bivouac tonight.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 23 (AP).—The engineer corps returned this morning from the artillery range, where they have engaged in putting out the grass and brush fire that swept 1,600 acres, every vestige of fire being eradicated before the troops began their campward march.

CAMP JACKSON, Ore., June 23 (Special).—Company E started Monday with the usual close-order drill, which was followed by open-order drill until noon. The latter was the working out of the problem of advancing a platoon against machine gun fire.

Monday afternoon the company drilled to Rosey Anne to view Companies I and M of the 7th infantry show how a company in a track is supported by machine guns.

The company returned from the hike at 2:30 p. m. and was given until 5 o'clock to prepare for the million parade at 6:15 p. m. Included in the parade were: Headquarters company, Union; Company E, La Grande; Company F, Baker; Company G, Pendleton; Company H, The Dalles.

There was some alarm in camp Monday afternoon when a fire started in the forest north of Medford. The 162nd infantry was rushed to the scene in trucks to battle the flames. The 166th infantry was ordered to stand ready to go if its services were needed. The guardsmen succeeded in getting the flames under control.

Company E is going nearly 100 per cent to the American Legion dance at the Medford armory. The dance is free and most of the boys are glad to get any sort of entertainment while in camp.

LEGION DELEGATES NAMED. PENDLETON, June 23 (AP).—Fred Steiner, Claude Chambers and Fred Dehart have been elected Pendleton delegates to the American Legion convention to be held in August in Marshfield.

TODAY'S GAMES. NATIONAL LEAGUE. BOSTON (AP) 3, H. E. Brooklyn 7. Boston 1, 5 1. Batteries—Petty, Ehrhardt and Hargreaves, O'Neil; Benton and Gibson.

NEW YORK (AP).—Philadelphia-New York doubleheader postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. PHILADELPHIA (AP).—Washington-Philadelphia postponed, rain. Two games tomorrow.

Bulletins

SPOKANE, June 23. (AP)—Dr. O. E. Willing, Portland, was seven up on Hugo Haakon, of Tacoma, as the end of their 18-hole morning round in the Pacific Northwest amateur golf championship today.

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AI MEE SAFE IN DOUGLAS, ARIZ. TODAY

Long Missing Woman Pastor Is Positively Identified

MAKES ESCAPE FROM KIDNAPERS

Pleas for Assistance from Unknown Woman at Ocean Park Resulted in Abduction.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., June 23. (AP)—Aimee Sempie McPherson, missing Los Angeles evangelist, quivering with exhaustion, quivering with fear, staggered and covered with mud, staggered into Agua Prieta, across the border from Douglas today, was picked up in a semi-conscious state, and brought to a hospital here by James Anderson, an American. Living on a cot in the hospital, she told how she had been kidnaped from Ocean Park, Cal., and held prisoner in Mexico since May 18 by two men and two women and how she had prayed and talked to her captors of God. She ended her story with a wail and she remarked: "I'll bet they were tired of hearing my preaching."

The former evangelist, from her cot in the hospital, told a story of abduction from Ocean Park, Cal., a trip across the border to Mexico, and of how she escaped about noon yesterday and ran until she fell with exhaustion.

Finally, she said, a mountain which has been identified by officers here as the Rincon Negro Head mountain, 10 miles south of Socorro, Mex., she headed for it.

Reaching the mountain about dusk, she found a road and struggled along, falling from time to time of fatigue. She said she sighted the glare from the slag dump of the copper smelters in this city as the night wore on. She finally reached the outskirts of Agua Prieta, and approaching a

Encampment Successful. Cool weather prevailing here has made the encampment most successful for the aged veterans and for the associated organizations.

Officers of the G. A. R. are to be elected late today. The ladies of the G. A. R. started to hold their annual election this morning, and adjourned for the parade. Officers chosen were: president, Tille Rodgers, of Albany; senior vice president, Rose Stewart, of Portland; junior vice president, Minnie McGill, of Portland. The rest of the officers are to be chosen this afternoon.

Salom was prominently mentioned as likely to get the next annual encampment.

C. B. Zeek, of Bandon, was elected division commander of the Sons of Veterans. Other officers elected were U. G. Boyer, of Salem, senior vice commander; Charles H. Walters, Marshfield, junior vice commander; C. O. Gosney, of Marshfield, secretary; Dr. F. F. Pound, Salem; L. Waldo Murray, of Portland, and C. O. Gosney, members of the division council.

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THREE DIE WHEN CAR TURNS OVER AFTER BLOWOUT

MODESTO, Cal., June 23 (AP).—Three eastern vaudeville performers were killed and three others seriously injured when an auto in which they were driving from Stockton to Fresno, to fill an engagement, turned turtle on the highway one mile south of Modesto early today.

The dead: MRS. F. B. KINCAID, New York City, wife of the driver of the machine. BERT BROWN, 17. HARRY DODSON, Springfield, Mo., who died at a Modesto hospital.

The dead and injured were brought to Modesto by passing motorists. F. B. Kincaid, the driver of the car, who is suffering from a fractured skull, believes a blowout caused the car to turn over.

Engineers Believe Trains May Be Made To Do 100 Per

(By Roy J. Gibbons) DETROIT, June 23. (NEA Special).—Modern railroading may soon be revolutionized by construction of a new type concrete roadbed which will permit roller-bearing trains to travel 100 miles an hour in safety over a smooth, dust-free right-of-way.

This is the opinion of engineers now contemplating a quarter-mile test section of such a track between this city and Pontiac, Mich., on the Pere Marquette railroad, one of the lines included in the proposed Nickel Plate merger of the Van Swearingens.

Start Next Month. Frank H. Alfred, president of the road, has announced the construction of the test stretch will be started in July.

The plan for the new design calls for a slab of concrete 10 feet wide by 18 inches thick, which will make for permanent construction. This will permit a lighter rail than the type now in use, since the rail will act only as a wearing surface and not as a beam, as on present wood tie usage.