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THE WEATHER
OREGON: Fair tonight
and Saturday but cloudy
along the coast tonight.
Warmer in interior Satur-
day.PRUNE CROP
IS UNHURT
BY STORMSEastern Oregon Escapes
Heavy Fruit Damage
Suffered ElsewhereHARVEST TIME IS
NEARING RAPIDLYIndications Are That Ear-
ly Season Predictions
of Fair Crop Will Be
Fulfilled.

The rain and wind storms of the last two days which damaged the prune and other fruit crops in Western Oregon did very little damage in this section of the state. The prune harvest is now at its height in Western Oregon and the ripe fruit is easily softened by the rain making it unfit for shipping and causing heavy losses.

However, the prunes in this part of the state are not yet ripe so suffered very little. Some may have been blown off the trees, but not enough to cause any serious loss. From present indications the prediction of a fair crop made early in the summer will be fulfilled.

Harvest Time Nears.

When the prune harvest will start here depends largely on weather conditions. If the weather turns the fruit will ripen before the middle of next month. If cool weather prevails, however, the prune harvest will not begin much earlier than in normal years. About September 20 is the usual time to start picking.

The largest prune orchards in the valley are in the Union and Cove valleys, although smaller orchards are scattered over the valley. Union's shipment is usually the largest.

Expect Good Market.

Prune growers are looking forward to good prices for their fruit this year. European prune orchards were badly damaged by floods during the summer and will not bear a crop, so the Northwest is being depended upon largely for this year's supply.

Threshing was halted yesterday by the rain, but was started again this morning. Four-hundredths of an inch of rain fell.

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KNOWLES HEARS
CASE; WILL GIVE
DECISION LATER

Judge J. W. Knowles Thursday afternoon took under advisement William Berry's suit against C. Wilson for an accounting in connection with their former real estate partnership. Each side was given time to move in which to furnish the court with a brief.

The partnership in question was dissolved April 14, and the two sides, commissions on which Berry contends Wilson should divide with him, were completed by the defendant May 1. Evidence introduced yesterday showed that there had been no written contract between the owners and the real estate men, listing the property for sale. The defendant based his stand on a supreme court decision that when a partnership is dissolved, all transactions between the parties terminate.

Band To Play Concert At
High School Field Tonight

Barling instrument weather, the La Grande municipal band will appear in outdoor concert at the high school athletic field at eight o'clock tonight.

The following program has been prepared:

- Mercy "Gossamer of Columbia"
- Alexander: Minuet and Barcarole from "The Tales of Hoffmann"
- Offenbach: Suite "Mazurka" (The Last Tango)
- 1. Morning Hymn of Peace
- 2. A Court Function
- 3. "I Love Thee"
- 4. Destruction of Atlantis

INTERVAL

Scenes from "The Fortune Tell-

(a) "An Egyptian Love Dance"

Pryor:

(b) "Chinese Patrol"

Overture: "Barber of Seville"

Among the encores to be played

will be "Talkin' To The Moon,"

"Bye, Bye, Blackbird," "Tenderly"

and "Hi, Ho, Ho, Merrie."

An extra rehearsal was held by

the band to be able to present the

above program in the best fashion

and an especially entertaining con-

Flowers To
Be Shown In
Elks' TempleCommitteewomen Busy
with Preparations—
Many Prospective Ex-
hibitors Inquiring.

Use of the Elks' temple, which has housed so many community interests this summer, has been granted to the Neighborhood club for the presentation of Union county's third annual flower show. Mrs. F. L. Halsey, chairman of the committee in charge, announced today.

With assistance of Mrs. Hugh B. Brady, who directed the show with marked success last autumn, Mrs. Halsey is preparing for the reception of a large number of entries. Although the season has not been an advantageous one for flower-growing, the number of inquiries point to general interest in an occasion that has drawn desirable attention to the valley's floriculture the last two years.

No Registration.

Exhibitors are not required to register their entries in advance. Mrs. Halsey said this morning, all that is necessary for competition being to have the flowers at the hall Friday before noon. In so far as possible, each person exhibiting is requested to supply the required bowls and vases for their displays. Anyone who has flowers to show but no means of conveying them to the hall is invited to call Mrs. Turner, Officer or Miss Margaret Anson, who will provide for the transportation.

Judges Selected.

Besides the recognition in the

form of ribbons and, in the case of

flowers, about

names.

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SEVEN SUNDAY
SCHOOLS JOINFirst Session of Grande
Ronde Group to Be
Held at Pleasant Grove
August 29.

Joining for the first session of what is to be known as the Grande Ronde group gathering, seven or more Sunday schools affiliated with the American Sunday school union will meet at Pleasant Grove, six miles north of Island City and two miles west of Summerville, Sunday, Aug. 29.

Alec, Ludd Canyon, Liberty,

Lower Cove, Puntkin Ridge, Pleasant

Grove and Cabin Creek, and

possibly other Sunday schools are

to be represented.

Howard B. Smith, missionary for the union in this district, will preach at the morning session of the gathering, and the Rev. Henry W. Parker, pastor of the First M. E. church, in the afternoon. At 1:30 p. m., H. B. Smith will give a lecture entitled, "The Business Man." The Union Sunday school meeting will be held at 10:15 a. m. A song service will characterize each of the two sessions.

The invitation to the open-air

service of worship is to everyone.

Mr. Smith announces. All who

can are urged to go in the morn-

ing take luncheon and plan to stay

for the entire day. There will be

plenty of food for everyone, even

though some may be unable to

contribute, he says. Persons wor-

shipping elsewhere in the morning

are invited to join the union gath-

ering after services in their own

churches.

41 BODIES
RECOVERED
FROM MINEClymer Explosion Death
Toll May Run as High
as Forty-Four10 MINERS ESCAPE
WITH THEIR LIVESCause of Blast Unknown;
Federal and State In-
vestigations Are Under
Way.

CLYMER, Pa., Aug. 27. (AP)—

The bodies of nine miners, badly

burned and mutilated, were re-

covered from the Clymer mine to-

day, bringing the known death

toll of yesterday's explosion to 41.

Rescue continued the search for

three miners, but it was believed

they were buried under heavy falls

of rock and earth.

The bodies were removed to the

temporary morgue, established in

a tool shop a mile from the mine

mouth. Here they were placed be-

side the bodies of 32 fellow work-

men whose lives were snuffed out

by the terrific blast yesterday.

The condition of the nine bodies

identifies them as being those that

these men were trapped in the very

midst of the explosion, for identi-

fication was practically impossi-

ble. Of the 41 bodies recovered

only four were without marks of

violence. These four fell victims to

the deadly after-damp.

Today rescue teams came from

the shattered workings. They

brought with them a number of

mine cars, upon which lay the

bodies of the nine victims. The

great throng of men, women and

children, many related to the vic-

tims, rushed for the temporary

morgue, in the hope of learning the

fate of some loved one. But mine

officials hesitated to admit them.

Identifies 26 Workers.

Marion Potts, the village store

keeper, who knew all the Clymer

workers, was taken into the death

house, and faced and with tear-

dimmed eyes, he passed slowly up

and down the line, and before he

departed he had established the

identity of 26 of his fellows.

Potts said it was impossible at

present to give a cause for the

blast because of the general de-

struction in the mine chambers.

Start Investigation

Forbes was in the charge of a

federal investigation started today.

A second investigation also was

started by state authorities.

Mine officials believed that 150

children were made fatherless by

the explosion, the second in this

territory within three years.

Late last night many of the wives

and children of the entombed men

left the mine mouth after a vigil

of 18 hours. At dawn, they re-

turned to their hillside flanking

the ill-fated pit. They were ignor-

ant of the fact that 32 bodies had

been brought out and removed to

the temporary morgue. A corps

of Salvation Army nurses labored

all night without sleep, preparing

the bodies so that later in the day

the stricken mine villagers might

be summoned to identify them.

Black Damp Deadly

Black damp, the deadly menace

which follows a mine explosion,

Accidental
Deaths Many
During DayNinety-One Passengers
Missing After Indian
Boat Breaks in Two—
Collision Kills Three.

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS
Indian ferry boat breaks up
—91 passengers lost.
Louisiana storm takes five
lives.
Wisconsin wreck kills three.

NOAKHALL, BENGAL, India,

Aug. 27. (AP)—Ninety-four pas-

sengers on a Megna river ferry

boat are believed to have been

drowned when the craft capsized

in midstream and broke in two.

One hundred passengers were on

board and only six are known to

have been saved. Many were

carried away by the swiftly rush-

ing waters.

COLLISION FATAL

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 27. (AP)—

Three men were killed in a col-

lision between an automobile and

the Chicago and Northwestern flyer

near here today.

GRID OUTLOOK
IS PROMISINGEighteen Veterans of the
1925 Football Squad on
Hand—Coach MacKen-
zie Due Soon.

With 18 men from the old foot-
ball squad expected to return this
fall and a coach with reputation
for building winning teams due to
arrive within the next few days,
La Grande's prospects for a win-

ning season are the brightest they

have shown for years. Principal E.

D. Towler, observes.

While no definite date has been

named for Jan. V. MacKenzie's

coming from Colorado, the prin-

cipal expects to erect his new

coach and physical training direc-

tor almost any day within the

next week or so, he said yester-

day.

Veterans Back

This year's quota of experienced

players is larger than usual. Last

year only 13 or 14 old men ap-

peared when the first football call

came out.

Heading the list is Lynn Smith,

chosen captain for the 1925 team.

Others on the list that is ex-

pected to cheer the new coach's

first season here include: Tom

Brace, Dale Charlton, Eldon

Hanks, Fred Zander, George Hau-

gins, Floyd Berry, Harold Brown,

Ed Buchanan, Marion Crowe,

Richard Lyman, Kermit Ragatz,

Joe Sayre, Wayman Scott, Wil-

liam Shoemaker, Sam Walker and

Leo Wolfe.

Trapshooters Invited

To Wallowa Sunday

Members of the O.-W. company
trapshooting team, which will
compete in the U. P. system games
in Cheyenne, Wyo., next month,
will practice at Wallowa Sunday.

Cal Larm, Wallowa member of

the team, has invited all other La

Grande trapshooters to attend. The

shoot will begin at 10 o'clock in

the morning.

S. P. ENGINEER DIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27. (AP)—

William Hood, who was for 54

years chief engineer for the South-

ern Pacific company, died late last

night at the Franklin hospital,

where he had been a patient for

some days. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Hood became connected

with the Southern Pacific in

1867 and had a part in construction

of its transcontinental lines. He

resigned in 1921.

OUTLIES MEN

SHELBY, INDIANA, Aug. 27. (AP)—

Mrs. Sophie Elliott Lynn, Brit-

tain's pioneer woman aviator, has

won her first air race.

Against a field of seven men

fliers including Sir John Rhodes,

in a race of private airplane own-

ers at the air pageant held by the

Yorkshire Aeroplane club, Mrs.

Lynn won easily. Encouraged by

her success, Mrs. Lynn may enter

next season for the King's cup

race around England which is the

big aeroplane event of the year.

LAKE ROAD
BID UP IN
SEPTEMBERState Highway Commis-
sion Plans Work in
Eastern OregonCONTRACTS WORTH
\$324,435 AWARDEDFinal 15-Mile Surfacing
Job on John Day High-
way to Complete Con-
struction.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 27.

(AP)—At the next meeting of

the state highway commission,

Sept. 28, bids will be opened for

surfacing 15 miles of the John

Day highway east of Unity. When

this work is completed, the John

Day highway will be improved

from end to end.

C. B. McCulloch, chief bridge

engineer for the commission, was

ordered to prepare plans for the

proposed bridge over the mouth

of theogue river at Gold Beach.

The Lane county court asked the

commission to allow the McKen-

zie highway to be made a 50-foot

road from Springfield for 26 miles

east. The board had ordered this

highway to be an 80-foot road,

but the cost is so high and the

work so difficult that the county

officials thought a narrower right

of way would serve. The state

commission appeared friendly to

the suggestion.

Improve Wonderland Road.

At the September meeting, bids

will be received for grading one

and a half mile section of the

Central Oregon highway east of

the city limits of Bend, and on

turning 15,000 cubic yards of

maintenance materials at Lostine

for use on the Wallowa lake high-

way.

Contracts Let.

Contracts let late yesterday

were:

Surfacing 6.12 miles of the Al-

sen highway between Philomath

and Alsea mountain to Bullis and

company, Corvallis, \$41,292.

Surfacing the Drews valley

lakeview section of the Klamath

Pails-lakeview highway, 16.1

miles, to Carl N. Burg, Spokane,

\$63,640.

Grading the Wheeler-Brighton

section of the Corvallis-New-