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THE BLESSED NATION: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Psalm 33:12.

President Coolidge, in his summer retreat in the Black Hills, seems to have as much rest and privacy as a goldfish in a hotel lobby.

Hugh Hohna, sailing in a 40-foot boat from Providence, R. I., to the Canary Islands, has taken with him a dog and a cat. There's nothing like having a harmonious crew.

Ruth Snyder, prominent murderess, complains that her jail cell is too warm. We don't want to seem pessimistic, but we can't help feeling that Ruth doesn't know when she is well off.

British Fascists and Communists have been fighting in London. It wouldn't be a bad thing if all their respective kinds would get each other up, like the Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat.

A few years ago much anxiety was expressed about the growing number of abandoned farms in New York state and other sections of the country. It has since been discovered that those farms were wisely abandoned. Their soil was not really fit for profitable farming. Nevertheless they had their usefulness and it was discovered. In the state of New York alone 2,147,102 acres of unprofitable land have been turned into public parks and forests. Private owners of land are setting out forests. The state forestry department expects to set out 39,000,000 trees this year and 40,000,000 in 1928. What with private and municipal planting, the forest situation is looking up rapidly. It is a development that carries a useful hint to other regions of poor farming land which is often fine for tree-growing.

### CHICAGO WATER SETTLEMENT

It is said that there is prospect of a peaceful settlement of the dispute between Chicago and Great Lakes states over water diversion.

The Mississippi flood is credited with changing Chicago sentiment. Whatever may have been the responsibility of Chicago for contributing to that flood, by pouring part of the Great Lakes into the upper Mississippi, the reasonable business men of Chicago do not want to have any such accusations brought against them hereafter. They want to do what they can to alleviate flood dangers, and they realize that it will do Chicago no good to have the states along the lower Mississippi blaming it for future deluges.

Chicago citizens are growing sensitive, too, about criticism from Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Canada, which accuses them of lowering lake levels, hampering lake navigation and bringing serious loss upon property owners all around the lakes by making harbors shallow, leaving docks stranded, ruining beaches, etc.

Chicago, therefore, is said to be in a mood to compromise, no matter what may be the decision of Special Master Charles E. Hughes, now representing the United States supreme court in hearing the suit brought against the Chicago Sanitary District by several neighboring states.

The complaining states themselves may be inclined to compromise. It is believed that none of them will object to whatever water Chicago may need for a large canal from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi, nor to whatever she needs temporarily for drainage purposes, if she proceeds to put in an adequate system of sewage disposal.

Such a settlement would require action by congress, but that could doubtless be accomplished. There still remains Canada to deal with. But Canada, too, would probably listen to any fair and reasonable proposal, inasmuch as the country itself withdraws considerable water from the upper lakes to operate ship canals. This should be more satisfactory all around than a settlement based on an interstate and international fight, leaving lasting enmities.

### ONE \$25.00 SPRING COAT

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All Girls' Summer Hats Half Price.  
Ladies Summer House Dresses at \$1.98  
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### NORTON'S KIDDY SHOP

Better Merchandise—Lower Prices

## MEETING ELECTS ROAD COMMITTEE

### Body of County Citizens to Consider Plans for Future Development

Representatives from the various communities in the county gathered at the city hall last evening at 7:30 o'clock for a good roads meeting, called by the good roads committee of the Union county chamber of commerce.

Plans for roads for the county were discussed and a committee was appointed to work with the county court regarding the plans.

Members of the committee are: Bert Oakman, Palmer Junction; Arthur Hallgarth, Elgin; G. I. Hess, Union; Bert Oliver, Summerville; John Shaw, North Powder; C. C. Welch, Imbler; Tom Johnson, Cove; H. A. Thornburg, Starkey; Robby Bates, High Valley; Pat Powers, Medical Springs; Arthur Gorham, Wolf Creek; J. B. Weimer, Hillgard; Harry Weimer, Cove; G. L. Larson and Fred Curry, La Grande.

## Wallowa Pastor To Preach Here

The Rev. R. N. Olson, pastor of the First Christian church of Wallowa, is visiting friends in La Grande for a few days, and will occupy the pulpit of the Christian church here both Sunday morning and evening. The local church is now without a pastor, following the resignation of the Rev. C. V. Duon a few weeks ago.

## Ask Government To Fix Apple Grades

Barreled apple standards now under consideration by the bureau of agricultural economics would eliminate the sometimes popular belief that "the little ones are at the bottom."

Commercial and public representatives from states that ship barreled apples have asked the government for standards requiring that "the shown face shall be reasonably representative in size, color and quality of the contents of the package."

For export trade they suggest: "Apples shall be tightly packed, maturity not riper than firm ripe, free from acid, and shall show not more than one per cent decay." Slight modification of the present United States fancy grade, so as to permit minor blemishes such as slight russeting and small, light colored limb-ruts, is favored.

## 11 Negroes Drown At Port Barre

NEW ORLEANS, July 8 (AP)—Eleven negro flood refugees were drowned at Port Barre today when the flat boat on which they were being returned to their homes at Woodville and Mobile overturned at Port Barre. The Associated Press learned over long distance telephone from Red Cross representatives at Port Barre.

A means of bleaching out red noses has been discovered. Don't tell us there's been drinking going on!

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the improvement of Improvement District No. 183, within the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, is now in my hands for collection, and that the same may be paid at any time within ten days from the 8th day of July, 1927, without penalty, interest, or costs, and each owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned within ten days from the 8th day of July, 1927, which is the first date of the publication of this notice, they will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before the 8th day of July, 1928. If application is not made as above specified, the whole amount is due, payable and will become delinquent on the 28th day of July, 1927. The assessment roll follows:

No.	Reputed Owner	Lot	Description	Block	Am't
1	Dale Cox	1	E60'	4	\$ 22.92
2	Dale Cox	2	E60'	4	59.49
3	Dale Cox	3	E60'	4	59.46
4	B. C. Shields	4		4	59.49
5	H. A. Heppner & Co.	5		4	59.44
6	H. A. Heppner & Co.	6		4	59.15
7	L. I. Bussey	7		4	59.49
8	L. I. Bussey	8	825' of W40'	4	21.50
9	Nolan Shiff	9	W40' of N15'	4	18.59
10	Nolan Shiff	10	W40'	4	59.46
11	Nolan Shiff	11	W40' of E10'	4	12.60
12	Beginning at N. W. corner of lot 14, Blk. 4, Wisdom's Addition to La Grande, Oregon; thence E55'; S46'; W12'; N10'; W40'; N20' to point of beginning.				57.89
13	Earl Baum	13	W50'	4	59.49
14	Earl Baum	14	W50'	4	52.93

J. E. STEARNS, City Recorder.

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## Women's Hosiery

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Women's Dresses	\$1.69
Women's Silk Dresses	\$5.95
All Linen Lunch Cloths	\$1.29

### MEN'S WEAR

Men's Work Shoes	\$2.98 Up
Men's Dress Shoes	\$3.95 Up
Men's Work Shirts, heavy	49c
Carpenter Overalls	\$2.25
Men's Dress Shirts, \$3.00 value for	\$1.00

# WESTENSKOW'S

## WEST OREGON MAN ACCUSED OF SLAYING

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room lounge and was almost new. It was considered one of the most attractive homes in Canemah.

The McCurdy's have one son, Floyd, 19 years old. He was not living with his parents at the time of the fire, but resided near by. Officers this afternoon said they found in the ruins of the McCurdy home a hammer that fitted wounds on the woman's head.

### THURK KILLS BABY

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 7 (AP)—Grace Evelyn Boltmecher, 13 months old, daughter of Arthur Boltmecher, was killed today when she was hit by a truck driven by Carl Teis. The truck is the property of Gus Teis, a merchant at Hazelton.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8 (AP)—Trial started today before Federal Judge Robert S. Bean of Alex. Tecumseh and Pearl White, Klamath Indians charged with possession and transportation of one gallon of moonshine.

## Burning Farm Woods Is Called Mistake

It rarely ever pays, the United States forest service says, to burn over farm woodlands in the belief that it will encourage the growth of grass and make pasture better.

Fires burn the fallen leaves and accumulated litter of several years, thus destroying the material with which trees enrich their own soil. The soil thus becomes exposed, evaporation is greater and more of the rain and melted snow runs off the surface. The roots of the trees also may be burned or exposed. Vitality of the trees is weakened and their rate of growth decreased.

Fires commonly kill a great number of seedlings up to one inch in diameter. These are called "brush", but the brush of today will be the big timber trees of the future.

Very severe fires kill some of the larger trees and burn through the bark of others, lowering the value of the butt log for lumber. The wounds afford a ready entrance for rot-producing diseases.

When may one call a child dull? asks a newspaper headline. The answer is when in presence of the neighbors only.



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