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RECORD CROP OF WHEAT IS PREDICTION

Union County to Harvest About 1,250,000 Bushels According to Survey

TIME OF HARVEST WILL BE LATER

Wheat Buying Already Going on With Much of the Winter Yield Sold, Avery Reports

That La Grande will have a record wheat crop this year is the belief of many of the wheat growers in the county and also the wheat buyers. Wheat buying is going on at present and in the fields of winter wheat will be completed within two weeks time, however, it will be later in the fields of spring sown grain.

It is a common practice to mow a row of grain along the fence line on many farms before the usual time for harvesting, but more is being done this year than usual because the straw growth is so heavy it would be difficult to get through with a header, binder or combine without destroying most of the fence row.

Time of Harvest Later Harvest in Union county will probably be a little later this year than usual, H. G. Avery, county agricultural agent reports, unless the north winds, which have been prevalent the last two weeks, continue. This wind dries out the soil and would hasten the harvest, although it would cut down the yield to some extent.

The total increase in both spring and winter wheat is probably greater this year than in most years due to the good moisture conditions through the fall and spring months. In the dryer sections of the valley a better yield is promised than since 1923, which was also a fairly year. The total yield of spring and winter wheat in both wet and dry sections of the county is estimated by many of the old timers here to be better than anything ever seen here.

1,250,000-Bushel Crop Hyman Cohen, market editor for the Oregon Journal, estimates that this year's wheat crop in Union county will be 1,250,000 bushels. His estimate for Baker county is the same and for Walla walla county, 750,000 bushels.

In spite of the gloomy condition caused by frost damage last year 265,163 bushels of wheat was received at the warehouses from crops in Union county.

It is generally believed that the average yield over the entire county has been increased by several bushels in the past six years by using the new varieties of wheat.

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FIREMEN FIGHT BLAZES WITH MERCURY AT 99

La Grande experienced some real summer weather yesterday, when the thermometer registered 99 above at the warmest part of the day—about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This is 10 degrees warmer than any day since last summer. The minimum was 53 above.

Two fires took the fire truck out during the afternoon, one a grass fire on Fourth street in the 300 block which did no damage, and the other a barn at 2977 Washington avenue, which was partly destroyed. The damage on the barn has not yet been estimated.

The barn fire started in about 12:10 p. m. and the truck fire started about 4:55 p. m.

WHEN ECONOMY MUST RULE Sales result from the seller contacting the prospective customer—without a standstill. Contact is possible through a good store location, through satisfied customers who tell others, through signs, through the mails, through newspaper—all of which is advertising.

Customer contact costs money—particularly does it cost money to contact large groups of prospective customers, to cover an entire trade territory—but the lowest expense and most effective contact is the daily newspaper. In the La Grande territory The Observer provides the most economical customer contact to be had by any method—reaches constant, eager readers at less than half the cost per reader. When economy must rule it is significant that The Observer is universally the selected method.

"Observer Advertiser—A Merchandising Service"

Pioneers Will Gather at Park Next Thursday

Annual Union County Reunion Program Complete—Governor Patterson May Attend.

The program has been completed for the 25th annual Union county pioneer reunion, which will be held Thursday, July 21, at Riverside park, and was announced this morning by Mrs. Harriet MacDonall, chairman of the program committee.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 in the morning and there will be program numbers both in the morning and afternoon. Mrs. Hattie J. Eckley will be the presiding officer and the invocation will be given by the Rev. Oliver Hiley. A. T. Hill, city president, will welcome the pioneers on behalf of the city and Senator A. R. Hunter will give the welcome in behalf of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneers. Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, will respond in behalf of the Union county pioneers. Mrs. Mattie Golden will read the necrology and Miss Vera Conley, of Coles, will sing a solo. An original poem will be given by Wilbur Shaw, of Hot Lake.

A picnic lunch will be enjoyed at noon and the afternoon program will begin at 1:30 o'clock, with community singing led by Elmer Stoddard. The chamber of commerce quartet will sing. The address of the afternoon will be given by Milton A. Miller, of Portland. Special music will be furnished by Julius and Fridolin Hug, of Elgin, and Mrs. Agnes Paddock, of Union, will give a reading.

It is hoped that another attraction will be added to the program in the form of a brief address by Governor H. L. Peterson, who is expected to be here for the American Legion convention.

Union Stake To Picnic July 25; Public Invited

The Union stake of the L. L. S. church will hold a 25th of July celebration at Medical Springs, R. is announced today, to which the general public is invited to attend.

The day's program will begin at 10 a. m. and will include music, speaking, a banquet given by the Union and Olive wards, stunts, a baseball game, horseshoe pitching, races and games and a picnic lunch. Later, after leaving Medical Springs, the picnicers will go to Union, where a drama will be presented to be followed by a dance in the Union gymnasium.

Each ward will arrange for its own transportation, but picnicers will be given preference. Each family will bring its own lunch.

Anniversary Celebrated By Episcopalians—Aves Speaks at Union Service

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Following the morning prayer service the Rev. Oliver Hiley, rector of the church, made a few introductory remarks after which he introduced Mrs. Harriet MacDonall, a member of the early Episcopal church here, as the first speaker.

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CONVENTION WEEK OPENS; MOSER HERE

State Adjutant, Arriving This Morning, Predicts Greatest Session

SPECIAL TRAINS ARE BEING FORMED

More High Officials to Attend Than Ever Before—Crowd of 2,500 to 3,000 Will Be Present

This year's American Legion convention will be the largest and best ever held. Carl Moser, state adjutant, said this morning upon his arrival in La Grande to make his headquarters here until after the convention. The attendance will be between 2500 and 3000 and more prominent persons will be in attendance than at any previous state convention.

Mr. Moser informed the local legion post that three special trains were being formed in Western Oregon, one coming from Eugene, one from Salem and the third from Portland.

Savage Due Wednesday The national commander of the American Legion, Howard P. Savage, of Chicago, and his party will arrive here on Wednesday evening, July 28, on train No. 38, preparatory to the opening of the convention Thursday morning. He plans to be here for all three days of the convention.

Patric J. Lamerson, past national chaplain of the legion, passed through the city last evening on his way to Portland and will return to La Grande Thursday morning for the three days of the convention. He is from Rockford, Ill.

Charles Mills, of Miami, Fla., national head of the 40 of 8 society; Charles Ardery, of Indianapolis, national secretary of the 10 of 8 society; and Dan Sowers, national director of Americanism, will be other national officers here. Besides James Druin, past national commander of Stokers, Wash., E. W. Ellis, state legion commander of Idaho; John Raffin, state commander of Washington and Les-

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La Grande Band Will Again Play Pendleton Show

Local Organization Is Praised by Commercial Association—Contract for Round-Up Mailed.

A letter received by Andrew Loney Jr., director of the La Grande municipal band, from George C. Bane, executive secretary of the Pendleton commercial association, announces that contracts for the 1927 Round-Up are being forwarded to Mr. Loney under separate cover.

The letter also praises the band greatly for its showing in Pendleton last Friday night, when it appeared in concert.

The letter follows: "Dear Mr. Loney: "On behalf of the board of directors of the commercial association and the citizens of the community I desire to thank you sincerely and through you the members of the La Grande municipal band for the very excellent concert at Happy Canyon, Friday evening."

"I feel quite sure that the reception accorded your organization was sufficient in itself to show the appreciation of the Pendleton people. We feel that La Grande, and I am sure that Pendleton feels that your band is one of the foremost organizations in the state. Your concert had variety, and showed the results of good leadership and proper execution by first-class musicians."

"As another indication of what we think of the La Grande band, I am forwarding under separate cover contracts for the 1927 Round-Up as agreed upon last evening."

"Again thanking you for the splendid spirit manifested by the members of your organization in offering to Pendleton a concert such as was rendered, I am, Very sincerely yours," (Signed) George C. Bane, Executive Secretary.

Local Marine To See Service in Chinese District

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 18.—Some of the interesting events now occurring in China are likely to be witnessed by James A. Maulding, of La Grande, Ore., who was one of the latest men to leave.

He was with a detachment of marines who embarked on the transport Thomas, with Shanghai as their destination. Due to the rapid shifting of troops, however, the local marine may eventually go to Peking or some other point in the China, where the marines are guarding American lives and interests.

Three or four thousand U. S. marines have been ordered to China since last February, and from time to time small detachments are likely to be ordered there, remaining for an indefinite period.

James Burt at the home of his father, Edward S. Maulding, Rural Route 2, Box 59, La Grande, before he joined the marine corps at Portland, Oct. 4, 1914. He was stationed at San Diego when he was selected for service abroad.

KLAMATH WINS KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 18 (AP)—Klamath Falls defeated Ashland 6-5, in the second game of the second division of the Southern Oregon baseball league here yesterday. The pitching of Henion, star righthander for the Pelicans, was too much for the valley batters.

Bend Drum Corps Starts Walking To La Grande; Won't Miss Meeting

BEND, July 18 (Special)—Somehow between Bend and La Grande are 21 legionnaires, members of Percy A. Stevens No. 4. They are musicians, every one of them, and their instruments are part of their baggage—15 tubas, 15 euphoniums, and one euphonium. It is a band in an instrument, it is heard that the old church was to be torn down to make room for the new one. He spoke about the early church life in La Grande and of the happiness of the early settlers when the minister visited the town, comparing times then with the present.

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THREE CHILDREN HURT SATURDAY

Washington Car and Auto Driven by J. E. Tidwell Collide; Blowout Cause

Opal and Edith Smith were badly cut and injured in an automobile accident which occurred five miles this side of Kamela last night when they were returning from the Eagles picnic at Meacham in a car driven by Paul Wilson. The car rolled off an embankment turning over two times before it stopped, when Mr. Wilson attempted to pass a car on the highway. Miss Opal Smith received bad cuts about her arms and legs, nine stitches were taken in one wound. Her sister received less serious cuts about her arms and legs. Both were badly bruised and shaken from the accident. Mr. Wilson was uninjured however.

The girls were returning from the Eagles picnic following the girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, owners of the Bowman-Hicks boarding house here. Several carloads of Eagles stopped and rendered every possible assistance to the injured girls. They were taken to the Grande hospital by the members of the lodge and were given medical aid before Mr. and Mrs. Smith were notified. The car was badly wrecked.

Three Children Hurt The three children of J. E. Tidwell were injured Saturday evening when the car in which Mr. Tidwell was driving to La Grande from the country collided with a Washington car, coming from La Grande. A blow out on the Washington car caused the driver, whose name could not be learned, to lose control of his machine, which swerved to the left, crashing headlong into the Tidwell car. The accident occurred near Conley.

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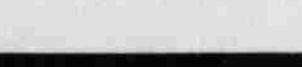
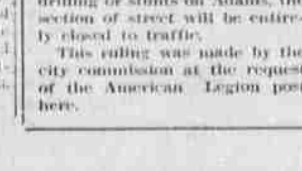
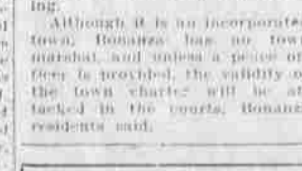
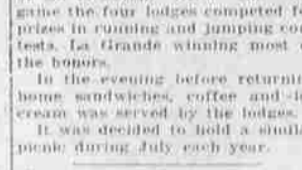
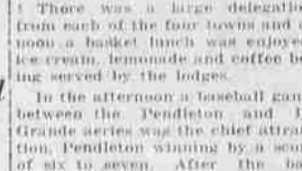
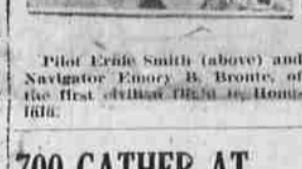
Elmer Mires Again Sentenced To Jail Elmer Mires, arrested last week for a large still and other equipment was confiscated by officers and charged with possession of mash in the justice court here, withdrew his demand for a preliminary hearing this morning and pleaded guilty to the charge.

He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve 30 days in the county jail by Judge Hugh W. Brady.

Mires was fined \$500 and sentenced to jail, but the jail sentence was paroled, last week in county court on a liquor possession charge growing out of the same arrest.

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SMITH, BRONTE



Ex-Baker Woman Sues Man, 60, For \$100,000 Damages

Lulu McCulloch, 45, Former Church Organist, Files Action When Wilcox Ends Honeymoon

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18 (AP)—Lulu McCulloch, 45, formerly a church organist at Haines, Ore., today filed suit in circuit court to recover damages of \$100,000 from Davis Wilcox, aged about 60 years, Portland capitalist, for alleged breach of promise.

Miss McCulloch charged in her complaint that she had lived with Wilcox for 24 years, first at Haines, where Wilcox conducted the post-office in connection with his general store, then at Baker City and finally in Portland. She further charged that Wilcox married another woman on July 2, this year.

Wilcox returned this morning from a wedding trip to Yellowstone park, according to H. C. King, attorney for the woman, and the complaint was filed 15 minutes after his arrival with his wife, Wilcox, the attorney said, is reputed to be a millionaire. He formerly conducted a bank at Baker City and has an interest in two banks here, King said. He also owns real and personal property in Portland, Baker City and Haines the attorney declared.

According to the complaint, Miss McCulloch, who now lives here with her mother, met Wilcox in 1893 at Haines, where she resided with her parents. Wilcox immediately began paying marked attention to the plaintiff and persisted in keeping company with her, vowing his great love for her, the complaint stated. He proposed marriage and it was accepted, it is alleged.

Were Engaged During 1901 and 1902, the complaint sets forth. Mr. Wilcox reportedly promised to marry Miss McCulloch and induced her to live with him as his wife. He promised to have the marriage ceremony solemnized as soon as convenient, the plaintiff says. Miss McCulloch said that the defendant purchased a business for her in Portland and continued to live with her until June 29, this year, when he left.

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U. S. MARINES WHIP REBELS IN NICARAGUA

17-Hour Battle Near Ocotlan Brings Death to 300 Liberals

ONE AMERICAN IS DEAD, ONE INJURED

General Sandino Fleeing to Northeast Following Aftermath of Recent Civil Warfare.

WASHINGTON, July 18 (AP)—The Pan-American federation of labor conference was thrown out of its peaceful routine today when Salmon D. La Silva, a Nicaraguan delegate, commenting on the engagement between American marines and Nicaraguans, declared that "the war is on," and if the marines "do not leave the country they will have to destroy the entire population of Nicaragua."

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700 GATHER AT EAGLES OUTING

La Grande, Baker, Pendleton and Walla Walla Join in Picnic

About 700 persons—members of the Eagles lodges of La Grande, Baker, Pendleton and Walla Walla and their families—gathered at Medford Springs park yesterday for the first annual picnic of the organization.

There was a large delegation from each of the four towns and at noon a basket lunch was enjoyed, ice cream, lemonade and coffee being served by the lodges.

In the afternoon a baseball game between the Pendleton and La Grande series was the chief attraction. Pendleton winning by a score of six to seven. After the ball game the four lodges competed for prizes in running and jumping contests. La Grande winning most of the honors.

In the evening before returning home sandwiches, coffee and ice cream was served by the lodges. It was decided to hold a similar picnic during July each year.

Spanish-American Vets in Convention

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 18 (AP)—With the suns bright spirit that inspired them nearly 20 years ago, when they marched away singing, "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight," several hundred veterans of the Spanish-American war flocked into Klamath Falls last night and early today for their annual state convention which opened here at 10 o'clock this morning at the Legion municipal hall.

Headquarters were opened yesterday where registrations and assignment of rooms were maintained until late at night. The first business session opened this morning with an address of welcome by Mayor Tom Walters of this city.

Portland's delegation of war veterans arrived in a special train last night. Various trips and other features have been planned for the veterans during their three-day stay here. They will be taken on a motor trip to Center Lake Wednesday noon.

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