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THE WEATHER

Clear tonight and
Thursday, with fog near the coast.
High temperature and low humidity
in the interior.

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FIRST WHEAT
OF YEAR IS
IN ELEVATOR

Frank Greiner, of Near
Alic, Brings First Load
of Grain from Fields

MORE COMBINES
TO START SOON

Harvest About 2 Weeks
Later Than Usual This
Season—Wallowa County
Making Ready

The first wheat of the season has
been harvested in the Grande
Ronde valley.

Late last night people driving
along the La Grande-Wallowa
Lake highway noticed a light
burning in the Alice elevator, a signal
that the first wheat of the year
had been received. W. A. Bueh-
man, stationed at the elevator, has
made a practice of using this sig-
nal annually to speed the news of
the beginning of harvest.

Frank Greiner, northwest of
Alice, brought the grain load—
Forty bushels of his 30-acre
farm, which was graded as No. 2.
He has not harvested enough
wheat yet to ascertain the bushels
to the acre. He is using a com-
bine and by the last of this week
and the first of next, combines
will start in a majority of the fields
in the valley.

The harvest this year is about
two weeks later than in ordinary
years. Estimates made a few weeks
ago were that Union county would
harvest about 1,250,000 bushels of
wheat.

WALLOWA PREPARING
WALLOWA, Ore., July 27 (Spe-
cial)—With a number of new
threshing machines and combines
harvesters purchased by farmers
in this valley, preparations are going
forward for the annual grain
harvest.

The warm weather has caused
the winter wheat crops in the dry
farming areas to mature rapidly
and some injury from burning is
seen in some of the fields. The
heads of the winter wheat are
larger than for a number of years
and appear to be filling well. Much
cutting around the fields to make
room for the combines and bind-
ers has already been done, and
some farmers who expect to bind
and thresh with stationary outfits
will be cutting grain or some of
the early-sown fields during next
week.

Spring crops have made a good
growth and appear to be standing
the hot, dry weather in good
shape.

WARMTH WEATHER GRAIN
PORTLAND, Ore., July 27 (AP)—
Hot weather caused rapid ripening
of winter and early spring
grain, and in some localities, there
was some shrinkage of immature
grain, say the officials of the Oregon
grain bureau. Spring grain is
maturing in some of the fields over
increasing areas. The weather was
favorable for harvest and threshing.

Picking and canning of berries
are over in many localities.
Raspberries are coming in in
quantities. A few early apples and
peaches are in market. Thinning
of winter apples continues.

Roberts Is Fined
\$50 in City Court

Allen Roberts, who was arrested
by the police recently on a
charge of possession of intoxicating
liquor, was fined \$50 in municipal
court last night by Judge C. M.
Humphreys.

Roberts was unable to pay his
fine so he has been committed to jail.

"WHAT
YOU DON'T
KNOW"

The old saying, "What you
don't know, don't hurt you,"
may or may not apply in ad-
vertising sometimes—but it is
certain that "what you don't
know" DOES hurt a business
man when it is something that
could attract your trade to his
competitors.

Many firms "get along" be-
cause they have a small estab-
lishment following of customers
who are well sold on the firm's
service, goods, etc. But some of
them fail to "get along" because
they neglect acquainting you and
others who are not customers
with logical reasons why you
should be. You welcome this
information, give attention to
these reasons when given you in
advertising messages in The Ob-
server. The Observer consi-
derates your contact with the ac-
tive business of the community.
Fortunately, it is available to
business men at the lowest cost
per reader of any possible meth-
od.

"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

Progress Edition
Will Be Issued
By The Observer

Newspaper Will Observe
La Grande's Transfor-
mation to Eastern Ore-
gon Metropolis.

The Observer, feeling that with
the advent of two fine new hotels
and the eventual building of the
new state normal school, and with
prospects of large industrial ex-
pansion in the immediate years to
come, La Grande is entering a new
era, will issue a special Progress
edition this week of August.
The edition is designed to mark La
Grande's transformation from a
small city to the metropolitan cen-
ter of this large Eastern Oregon
territory. Work is already under
way. Pictures are being taken, spe-
cial articles are being prepared and
first sections will be run within the
next week.

The edition will cover in a com-
prehensive way the business, indus-
trial, residential, community, edu-
cational, agricultural, recreational,
climatic, geographical and trans-
portation aspects of the entire La
Grande territory—which includes
both Union and Wallowa counties
in a broad sense. It will be an in-
teresting and attractive cross-sec-
tion of what this section is, what it
has—in an inspirational vision of what
it can be.

There will be pictures showing
the entire downtown business dis-
trict, the chief industries, the new
hotels, the schools and churches,
and pictures of representative things
throughout the Grande
Ronde valley.

Building statistics, a population
survey, general information and
special articles dealing with La
Grande's growth in both public and
private improvements in the last
few years will be given.

A bit of the history of this city,
which will illustrate the actual
progress that has been made, will
be woven into the stories of the
La Grande of today.

Over 4000 copies of this Progress
edition of The Observer will be
printed, and a copy will be put in
every home in Union county and
there will also be 1000 copies avail-
able for mailing to friends of local
residents, to prospective residents
and others.

DRIVES 146 HOURS
WITHOUT SLEEP

Elmer Steele Completes
Endurance Test at
12:10 P. M. Today

Elmer Steele, of Seattle, com-
pleted his 146-hour endurance
drive at 12:10 o'clock this after-
noon, when Police Chief Chas.
Hynes unlocked the handcuffs
which had held his hands to the
steering wheel of his automobile
since last Thursday at 10:10 a. m.

An examination of the car
showed about half of the oil left
and it took less than a pint of
water to fill the radiator. The
chief hasn't as yet checked on the
mileage but will do so Saturday,
when the seal on the speedometer
will be broken.

Mr. Steele's 146 hours breaks
all his former records. His longest
drive heretofore was in Port-
land a few weeks ago when he
endured 114 hours.

During his drive he entered Baker
and Wallowa counties and
spent considerable time on La
Grande streets. He was accom-
panied by a nurse who attended to
his needs, and lived on a diet of
milk. He had no sleep during the
six days and nights, considered a
feat in itself.

Mr. Steele expects to make a
trans-continental drive after he
has reached a point where he can
remain awake for seven days and
nights.

Elgin Boy Scouts
Camp Near Minam

ELGIN, July 27 (Special)—The
boy scouts spent last Tuesday night
camping near Minam. They were
accompanied by Scout Master Lynn
Hill. They reported a very enjoy-
able trip until they started down
to the river from the highway.
The boys had left the car and had
gone ahead when Mr. Hill ran one
of the front wheels of his car
over the garage man from Elgin
took the wheel home and brought
it back to them the next morning.
The boys returned home Wednes-
day morning between nine and ten
and all declared they had a splen-
did trip. They will hold their
regular weekly meeting at the Rex
hall Tuesday evening. Several of
the scouts have sent in their appli-
cations for registration at the scout
camp at Wallowa lake.

Lou Gehrig Evens
Up Home Run Score

NEW YORK, July 27 (AP)—
Lou Gehrig caught up with Babe
Ruth in the home run marathon
today by slugging his 32nd out-
right home run in the eighth in-
ning of the season with Ruth
on base in the sixth inning of the
Yankees game with the Browns.
Batter was pitching.

FARM CROPS
TRIP TO BE
MADE FRIDAY

Agricultural and Business
Men Will Take Part in
Annual Excursion

START SCHEDULED
FOR 8 O'CLOCK

Sweet Clover Study Will
Be Included—Dr. Fel-
lows to Speak During
the Noon Hour.

The seventh annual farm crops
excursion to be held in Union
county will take place Friday, and
25 different farms of the county
will be visited. Cars will leave the
post office building here at eight
o'clock Friday morning, instead of
nine o'clock as formerly announced,
the day being too full to accom-
plish all that is scheduled after
nine o'clock. The change in time
was made this morning.

The business men of the city
as well as the farmers are urged
to take part in the excursion. The
Union county chamber of com-
merce is taking an active interest
and each member of the agricul-
tural committee will take a car-
load of farmers and business men
on the trip.

Dr. Fellows to Speak
There will be no outside speak-
ers with the exception of Dr. Hur-
ley Fellows, of the U. S. depart-
ment of agriculture, who is work-
ing here at present. "The various
farmers will be the speakers."

The main topic of the excursion
will be "The Use of Sweet Clover
as a 'Pasture Crop,'" which em-
braces its use as a soil builder, as
a hay crop and seed crop. Ten
different places where sweet clover
is planted will be visited. Near-
ly all of these have been selected
by the view of having either a
successful dairy or sheep enter-
prise in connection. It is expected
that the owner of these farms will
not only discuss his results
in growing sweet clover, but will
also give information on his
operations in dairy or sheep farm-
ing.

In former years the excursion
has been devoted mostly to a study
of grain and fruit crops. The
rapid spread of federation wheat
in Union county is probably trace-
able to the study farmers made
in this manner.

Clover Future Crop
It is believed that sweet clover
development offers farmers a big
chance to modify their operations
profitably if the crop is as profit-
able as some farmers claim.

Some of the things to be point-
ed out are: what is the best meth-
od of use in seeding sweet clover;
what kind of land the crop will
grow on; what use is being made
of the crop, whether pasture or hay;
what number of stock it will carry
per acre of land and when it should
be mowed if it becomes necessary
to mow it.

The excursion will not turn its
back on general field crop study
however. Those taking the trip
will see morning glories under con-
trol by chemicals, new wheat and
oats varieties, including at least
two wheats which are immune to
smut and do not need to be treat-
ed; and one oats variety that is im-
mune to smut and does not require
treatment; and the relation of ir-
rigation to crop production, which
will be seen on the test plot on the
Sandridge.

The Schedule
Following is the schedule to be
followed during the day:
8 a. m. Cars leave P. O. building,
8:15 a. m. "When to Cut Sweet
Clover"—at J. E. Reynolds farm.
8:45 a. m. "Sweet Clover Pasture
& Dairy Cows"—at H. J.
Nelson farm.

9 a. m. "Sweet Clover Pasture &
Sheep"—at B. O. Wheeler farm—
Union, Ore.
9:40 a. m. "Sweet Clover and
Other Pastures for Farm Sheep",

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President Sees
Horses Runaway

(SPECIAL, R. D., July 27 (AP)—
A runaway team of horses pas-
sivating in the gold discovery
days passed here today enlivened
the exercises witnessed by Presi-
dent and Mrs. Coolidge.

The team, which was drawing a
covered wagon, broke loose al-
most in front of the automobile
occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge,
who were protected from the col-
lision by a fox fence.

Charging wildly across the field,
the horses which were still at-
tached to the tongue and double-
trees of the wagon, headed straight
for the crowd which had eluded
the clearing on which the president
was being shown.

Screaming women and children
scattered for protection and the
team impulsively dashed through
the crowd without causing an in-
jury. It gave quite a thrill, how-
ever, to the president and his
party.

300 Children Attend

The training school, which has
been conducted in the Central
school building during the past six
weeks, also ended today noon, and
the 300 children attending were
dismissed. Twenty-five children
in the primary department of the
training school were neither at-
tending nor tardy during the term. At-
tendance records were made
from the other departments.

4 GRADUATE
FROM NORMAL
SCHOOL HERE

Largest Session in Term
of Attendance Comes
to Close Today

91 STUDENTS TAKE
UP SUMMER STUDY

Six Weeks Considered
One of Most Successful
on Record in Opinion of
Dr. J. S. Landers.

The summer normal school closed
its six weeks session here today at
noon. Four of the 91 students who
completed the summer course, also
finished their two years of normal
school work and will be given nor-
mal school diplomas.

The graduates are Miss Ruth
Hays, of Wallowa; Mrs. Etta High-
smith, of Ontario; Miss Gertrude
Davies, of Baker, and Miss Ida
Neseth, of Pendleton. All four
are experienced teachers and are
now eligible for life certificates.

Largest on Record

The summer normal session here
had the largest enrollment of any
previous normal school term held
in Eastern Oregon. President J. S.
Landers said Monday when he vis-
ited the school. In recent years the
attendance has been about 50.

Of the 94 enrolled here about 75
expressed their intentions of re-
turning to La Grande again next
summer if the school is again held
here. About 15 or 20 of the stu-
dents plan to go directly from
here to Monmouth, where they will
attend school for the remainder of
the summer.

Both the students and faculty
members expressed their apprecia-
tion of the attitude taken by the
citizens of La Grande and by the
chamber of commerce. They de-
clared they enjoyed their stay in
La Grande and hoped to be able to
return. Most of the faculty mem-
bers and many of the students left
the city this afternoon on route to
their homes.

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Fair Grounds At
Elgin Scene Of
Fire Yesterday

ELGIN, July 27 (Special)—Fire,
started by sparks from the planer,
destroyed the cattle sheds and pig
pens on the Union county fair
grounds at Elgin yesterday and en-
dangered other buildings on the
grounds.

The estimated loss of the prop-
erty destroyed is between \$200 and
\$400. The buildings were owned by
the Union County Fair association
and were not insured.

The fire was already well started
when it was first noticed and work
started immediately to save the
other buildings, which would
have probably burned also had not
the wind suddenly changed. It
is reported, The city water
supply was low, the work of clean-
ing out the water main being under
way, making the fight against the
fire doubly difficult.

Prizes Offered For Best Catches
Of Fish During Annual Contest

More and more interest is being
shown in the annual fish contest to
be followed by the Wing, Fin
and Pinfest club fish feed, the
latter scheduled for 6:20 p. m.
Monday, Aug. 1 in the I. O. O. F.
temple basement.

The fish contest will begin Sat-
urday morning, July 29. The fol-
lowing prizes are being offered:

Individual catch best two days,
catch, 40 trout, 1st; 30 trout, 2d;
10 trout, 3d; 5 trout, 4th; 1 trout,
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