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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday except unsettled with occasional rains along the coast. Moderate temperature.

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PAVE FOURTH IN FRONT OF NEW HOTEL

City Commission Awards Contract to Hartenbower & Spaeth

CONTRACT IS LET; FIGURE $8,448.64

Seven Improvement Districts Passed—Labor Day Committee Makes Three Requests

Awarding of a contract for the paving of Fourth street from Adams to Jefferson, and a decision to call for bids on seven improvement districts featuring the meeting of the city commission last evening. A. T. Hill, president, was absent, and Commissioner Charles Playle presided.

Two bids were received by the commission on the block on Fourth street, which is in front of the La Grande hotel, now nearing completion. Hartenbower & Spaeth bid $8448.64 on concrete paving and P. J. Lilly bid $8588.22. The former bid was selected and the contract was awarded to Hartenbower & Spaeth.

Seven Districts Passed

The seven improvement districts came up for hearing and no remonstrances were presented, so that the city recorder was authorized to call for bids to be received Aug. 24.

The districts follow: 177, sidewalk, on Second from D to K; 176, sidewalk and conduit, on H from Third to Sixth; 175, sidewalk, on Seventh from E to K; 174, sidewalk, on Benton avenue; 172, macadam street on Spring avenue from Alder to west city limits; 4-2, sewer on North Cherry; and 1-14, sewer, on Spring avenue from Alder to west city limits.

Labor Council Petitions

Max Cullen, representing the Labor Day committee of the Central Labor council, asked that Adams avenue be roped off Labor day from Fir street to the Foley hotel; that no concessions for soft drinks or foods be permitted in the downtown district; and that the labor council be granted a soft drink concession at the high school athletic field. All his requests were granted.

Bills for the month, totaling $8854.14, were allowed.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT EXPERT HERE

E. Merritt, of the United States department of agriculture, of Washington, D. C., is in La Grande and is making a survey of the progress of extension work here. Mr. Merritt is conducting the study in two Oregon counties where county agents have been at work for five years or more. He is especially studying the organization and results of the Union county economic conference and the effect recommendations of the conference have had in the community.

Union county, which holds its fourth annual economic conference this spring, is probably one of few counties where the same economic meeting form has been followed each year successfully.

Hunting Trip Ends In Death of Woman

BEND, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—A hunting trip which Mrs. W. A. Shelby, 50, took with her husband ended fatally for her late yesterday when Shelby's shotgun was accidentally discharged as he was getting into their automobile. The charge entered her heart. They had been hunting rabbits in the Tumwater district. Shelby, a former resident of Klamath Falls, owns a hotel here and a summer resort at Crescent lake.

MATCHING THE CITY'S GROWTH

Keeping pace with La Grande's business growth and development is not merely a question of keeping one's doors open and one's service or goods available. Rather is it a question of maintaining contact with present customers and establishing contact with new ones.

The business man who does that consistently knows that you will not lose sight of him nor will you forget his ability to serve you well. And you rightfully look for and expect to see his business messages in The Observer where they can reach the most people at the smallest possible cost.

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50 Local Union Members Attend Council Meeting

Visiting Officials Speak—Plans for Labor Day Celebration Here Are Discussed.

About 50 men attended the joint Central Labor council and Labor Day entertainment committee meeting held last night at the Imperial hall and heard William Cooper, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, and Alex Manning, business representative of the Tri-State Building Trades Alliance, in addresses relative to the interests of the federation. Both men touched upon the power of union labeled merchandise and pointed out the benefits of the union organization. Mr. Cooper, in his address, explained the recent accomplishments of the federation in legislative way.

Following the addresses of the two officials plans for the comnig Labor Day entertainment were heard and discussed. Max Cullen, general chairman, announced that the municipal band has volunteered its services for the celebration and will cooperate in every way possible to make the day a success. It was announced that a request was before the city commission in their meeting last night asking that no concessions be allowed to operate downtown during he day's celebration. "We are asking this for the reason that we believe that the La Grande merchants should have the business that will come here on the celebration day," declared Mr. Cullen today. "La Grande merchants are equipped to handle all the people who will be here for the celebration and there is no reason why out-of-town operators should be given that business," he continued.

The Zuber and Island City dance halls will be the two official dance halls of the evening. It was announced. All entries for the queen contest must be in by Aug. 20, as the actual contest starts that day.

Farm Field Trip Held In Wallowa County District

The first annual field tour to be conducted in Wallowa county was held yesterday, about 75 persons taking part. The Union county agent, H. G. Avery, was present.

During the day a marked showing of increased alfalfa yield by the use of land plaster was viewed, the plaster having been applied on only part of the field, which indicates that the application of land plaster will be very profitable for alfalfa growers of that county.

The grain nursery near Joseph was visited, where different varieties of grain were compared. A number of potato fields, where certified seed was planted for the first time this year, were also visited and in one case it was estimated that the crop from the use of certified seed would be three times that it had been in previous years when local seed was planted. One carload of certified seed potatoes was shipped into Wallowa county this year for the first time. Union county shipped in six carloads this year.

The Carl Whitmore farm was visited where the group saw his heard of Tampshire sheep. A flock of 800 turkeys was witnessed at the farm of Mrs. George Shinn.

Jurors Disagree In Fritz Ott Case

The case of the state against Fritz Ott, charged with reckless driving, was tried by jury in the justice court yesterday before Judge Hugh E. Brady, and resulted in a hung jury. The jury was out for one hour, but returned without a decision. The case will be retried in about two weeks.

Mr. Ott figured in an automobile accident with Clarence Gray on the Island City market road about two weeks ago, and Mr. Gray claims that Mr. Ott turned suddenly on a lane to the left, causing the wheels of the cars to tangle.

Sheep Men Will Attend Ram Sale

A number of sheepmen of Union and Wallowa counties will go to Pendleton next Thursday, Aug. 18, for the Oregon Woolgrowers' ram sale, which will be held there on that day. Several of the sheepmen of the two counties have consigned sheep to the sale, among them being Jim Dobbin, H. H. Huron, E. S. French and Carl Whitmore.

Among those who will attend the sale are Carl Whitmore, of Joseph, H. H. Huron, of Imbler, E. S. French and T. B. Johnson, of Cove; W. E. Land, of North Powder, and Jim Dobbin, of La Grande.

5-YEAR-OLD BOY IS SHOT; HE MAY LIVE

Brothers playing in Next Room When Cartridge Explodes

BULLET PASSES THROUGH HEAD

Lad Regains Consciousness About Midnight—Chances of Life About Fifty-Fifty.

ELGIN, Ore., Aug. 11 (Special)—Arleigh Townsend, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Townsend of Elgin, was shot through the head late yesterday afternoon by agun with which his two older brothers was playing. The accident occurred at five o'clock yesterday afternoon and at midnight last night the little boy had regained consciousness. Today there were hopes for his recovery.

The mother of the little boys was at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Fulton, with her one-week-old baby and the father was working in the field when the accident occurred. Jasper and Miles, the two older brothers of the injured boy, found the gun and were examing it when it suddenly went off, hitting little Arleigh, who was playing in the adjoining room in the head. The bullet entered his forehead and cam out at the back of his head.

The boy was taken to the Fulton home and a physician was called. The wound was dressed and treated and last night at about midnight the little boy regained consciousness. He is reported to be resting easily and hopes are held for his recovery.

OREGON PEOPLE CLEAR UP DEBTS

Records Show They Owe Banks $11,139,872 Less Than a Year Ago

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—Oregon residents have $3,378,428 less money in the banks on deposit than they had a year ago, but on the other hand they owe the banks $11,139,872 less than they did a year ago. This is shown in a statement issued by Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks. The figures given are for June 30.

Total deposits in the state on that date are shown as $293,155,992, compared with $296,533,521 on the same date the year before.

On March 23 deposits in all Oregon banks totalled $284,967,426, so that the June 30 figures represent a substantial gain over the preceding quarter.

Loans and discounts on June 30 were $166,023,186, compared with $177,165,058.

Savings deposits showed a gain of $1,775,405, the total for the state on June 30 being $116,858,710 as against $115,083,305 the preceding year.

Two Women Shot In St. Paul, Minn.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 11 (AP)—A bull dog crouching between them, two women were found shot to death here today under circumstances that prompted the police to declare they had been murdered. They were found in a bedroom of a home in one of the better residential district of the city.

The women were believed to be Mrs. Ruth Barrett and her sister. They appeared to be about 25 and 30 years old.

Acre of Wallowa County Wheat Yields From 40 to 45 Bushels

WALLOWA, Ore., Aug. 11 (Special)—Harvesting operations have progressed quite rapidly in practically all sections of this county during the past week. Much binding of winter wheat crops in the hill sections has been done, with a number of farmers finished their cutting. A few of the combines have started work during the past few days, although most of the fields are hardly ripe enough to go into the sack yet. Scott & Peterson were busy a few days last week cutting a 80-acre field of Forty-Fold for H. D. Bechtel, on his hill land a few miles east of here. This field which was sown very early last fall and made an excellent stand, is reported to have produced a yield of between 40 and 45 bushels per acre.

Oscar Maxwell was busy the last of the week getting his machine into condition to start cutting a 160-acre field for C. A. Hunter. Many other fields have ripened very rapidly of late, and a number of other machines will be starting within the next week or ten days.

Good Yields

From what can be told of the little amount which has been threshed, indications point toward very good yields for the winter wheat crops. The weather which has been very hot and dry for the past three weeks, has been severe on much of the spring sown grain on dry land, with many of the fields of furmin. The straw in the most of the fields will be quite short.

While the water supply is still ample for all needs on the farms in the hill sections, a number of farmers state that their wells and springs have gone down some lately, and if the dry weather continues for the next several weeks it is probable that stock water will be quite short on many of the farms.

Grass in the dry land pasture has dried up badly making rather poor picking for much of the livestock, which are not doing as well as a few weeks ago, when the vegetation was green.

WHEAT YIELD OVER OREGON RUNNING HIGH

Early Prospects for Bumper Crop Are More Than Realized

APPLES ARE LESS; PEARS FALL DOWN

Potato Crop in Oregon Is Nearly 2,000,000 Bushels Above the Five-Year Average.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—Early prospects for a bumper winter wheat crop in Oregon and the Pacific northwest this year have been realized, as indicated by threshing returns to date, says F. L. Kent, statistician, United States department of agriculture.

Indications are that the Oregon 1927 yield per acre of winter wheat will be the highest on record. Completed threshing returns may result in some revision of the present 1927 estimate of 27 bushels per acre.

Oregon winter wheat acreage is estimated at 900,000, and the average per acre yield for the state is estimated at 27 bushels, making a production of 24,300,000 bushels. Spring wheat acreage is estimated at 155,000, with an indicated yield of about 19 bushels per acre or 2,945,000 bushels, making an estimated total for all Oregon wheat of 27,245,000 bushels this year, compared with 19,586,000 bushels last year, and the five year average of 19,776,000 bushels.

Commercial Apples

Estimated production of commercial apples this year in barrels (of three bushels each) for Oregon is 1,054,000, compared with 1,700,000 last year and a five-year average of 1,581,000.

Total estimated apple production of the U. S. in barrels, is 24,831,000 this year, compared with 39,411,000 last year, and 33,710,000 five-year average.

Every one of the apple producing states shows a dropping off compared with last year's figures.

Pear Production

Oregon's estimated pear production this year 1,362,000 bushels, compared with 2,100,000 last year and 1,561,000 five-year average.

Total pear production of the U. S. is estimated at 18,060,000 bushels this year, compared with 25,644,000 last year, and 20,756,000 five-year average. Each producing state shows a decline compared with last year.

The Oregon oats crop is estimated at 11,625,000 bushels, compared with 8,816,000 bushels last year and the five year average of 8,884,000 bushels.

The 1927 Oregon barley crop is now estimated at 2,930,000 bushels. Last year's estimate was 2,378,000 bushels, and the five year average 2,443,000 bushels.

Potato Crop

This year's Oregon potato crop is estimated at 6,175,000 bushels. Last year's crop estimated at 4,500,000 bushels, and the five year average at 4,285,000.

The U. S. potato crop for this year is estimated at 410,714,000 bushels. Last year's production was 358,369,000 bushels and the five year average is 394,162,000 bushels. Production of all tame hay is estimated at 2,002,000 tons compared with 1,784,000 tons last year and a five-year average of 1,849,000.

WOULD PUT INSULAR AFFAIRS IN INTERIOR

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 11 (AP)—Secretary Work favors placing jurisdiction of all insular affairs in the interior department and has informed President Coolidge that the transfer from the war department may be done by executive order.

BOMB WRECKS SUBWAY STATION

Copyright, 1927, NEA Service, Transmitted by Telephoto.
One man was killed and a number were injured when a mysterious bomb wrecked the Broadway-28th street subway station in New York City. This shows the wreckage after the blast, with police and firemen exploring the debris.

Plane Plunges Into Bay; Three Occupants Safe

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 11 (AP)—Captain James L. Griffin, pilot of the triplane entered from Long Beach, Cal., and his navigator, Ted Lundgren, and a passenger, R. A. Speer, fell into the bay adjacent to the Oakland airport here today while trying to land.

The triplane circled the field several times and then settled to land. The first attempt was unsuccessful. The wheels touched the ground and for some reason Griffin found he could not make the landing. He speeded up his motors, swerved to the left over the bay and crashed into the water.

The plane's three passengers were not hurt. As the crowd of spectators on the flying field reached the road separating the bay and the runway, they saw three men standing on the topmost wing of the triplane, which rested about 150 feet from shore. Fire trucks on the field were rushed to the shoreline and preparations were made to throw lifelines to the flyers.

To Operate Three Salem Playhouses

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 11. (AP)—George H. Guthrie of Portland, owner of the Elsinore, Oregon and Grand theaters in Salem, announced yesterday that the three playhouses are to be operated jointly by him and the West Coast Theatres Inc. The new arrangement is effective Aug. 19.

Several weeks agoisa rumored that Guthrie was to sell or lease the Elsinore outright to the West Coast people, but the arrangement now announced is more pleasing to the theaterpoers.

Another important theater announcement is that Ferd M. Mills and John W.Martin have taken over from J. N. Williamson a ten-year lease on the new Hollywood theater in North Salem.

Henry Ford Takes First Plane Ride

DETROIT, Aug. 11 (AP)—Henry Ford took his first airplane ride when he climbed into the cockpit of the "Spirit of St. Louis" with Colonel Charles A. Lindberg at Ford airport and was taken up this afternoon.

The decision to make the flight apparently was sudden, as on previous indication had been given either by those close to the motor manufacturer or by Colonel Lindbergh, who spent the night at the Ford home after arriving here late yesterday on his nation-wide air tour.

Threshing Machine Accident Is Fatal

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—Injuries incurred when he was dragged into the separator of a threshing machine proved fatal yesterday to George J. Mays, 21, of Condon.

Mays was brought in to a local hospital last Saturday. His right leg had been mangled badly.

DOLE AIR DERBY HELD UP AWHILE

Postponed for Not More Than Two Weeks—Honolulu Offices Cabled

HONOLULU, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Honolulu committee of the National Aeronautic association in charge of arrangements for the Dole flight, today rejected the suggestion from the San Francisco starting committee that the flight be postponed two weeks.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 11. (AP)—The committeemen in charge of the James Dole air race announced here today that they would defer making an announcement on the action of the Honolulu committee in rejecting the proposal that the flight to Hawaii be postponed until after receipt of official confirmation of such rejection.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 11. (AP)—Postponement of the Dole $25,000 flight from San Francisco to Honolulu scheduled for tomorrow noon for a period not exceeding two weeks, was ordered early today by the Dole flight committee and department of commerce inspectors, subject to the approval of the National Aeronautic Association chapter at Honolulu. Announcement of decision to recommend a postponement was made to The Associated Press at a conference held at the Athens Club, which lasted until after midnight. The statement follows:

"The starting committee of the Dole Honolulu flight, upon the recommendation of Lieut. R. H. Wyatt, an experienced navigator; Clarence M. Young, director of aeronautics, department of commerce; Major H. D. Cargill, a member of the committee, and Captain Gephart, secretary of the national aeronautic association; Capt. C. W. Saunders, chairman of the starting committee of the Dole flight and H. E. Mier, another representative of Mr. James D. Dole, committed to recommend the postponement at the start of the flight for a period not exceeding two weeks.

Cables Honolulu

"A request for authority from Mr. Dole and the Honolulu chapter of the National Aeronautic association to make the postponement effective was cabled to Honolulu last night.

"The recommendation was predicated upon the opinion that the planes and participants which have been for presented themselves are NOT now properly equipped or qualified and that there is NOT sufficient time remaining in which to qualify; that even though some of them might be able to pass the preliminary navigation tests, to start August 12th, the scheduled date, would present hazards never contemplated by the donor or the committee and the result would easily be unfavorable.

No More Entries

"It was further recommended that NO additional entries be accepted before the postponed date."

"The flight from the mainland to the Hawaiian Islands is something different from other transoceanic flights," Lieut. Wyatt declared after the conference. "This

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Weather Coming To Aid of Fire Fighting Corps

Change Sorely Needed by 700 Men in Forests, Portland Has Showers This Afternoon.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—Indications this morning were that the weather was at last coming to the aid of the hundreds of men who have been battling flames in the woods of Washington for the past 10 days. Weather forecasts told of unsettled weather with probable rain and wind tonight and Friday in western Washington.

This morning's mist was being felt along the Columbia river as the Herman creek fire, which was reported thoroughly extinguished From the top of Mount Wilson in Mount Hood forest came a report of 100 per cent humidity—which means a heavy low-hanging fog. This condition was believed to prevail over the southern part of Columbia national forest, hardest hit by fires.

Change Needed

The weather change was sorely needed by the fire fighters. Winds rising late yesterday whipped the Rock creek fire in Yacolt burn to the top of the ridges separating that creek from the Wind river watershed. The wind undid all the work the fire crews done since the fires started.

The Little White Salmon fire was monopolizing the attention of men in that district while other fires gained serious headway. The Stevenson district had two new fires. Two million feet of logs of the Ryan and Allen Mill three miles from Stevenson and the Hemlock ranger station and nursery, worth about $50,000 were in danger.

700 Men Working

Fire crews in the forest totalled about 700 men today. R. S. Shelley, Eugene, supervisor of the Siuslaw forest, was drafted for executive duty over the district about Mt. Adams where several fires are causing trouble.

Wenatchee forest had a three hundred acre, uncontrolled fire on Roaring creek, and Mount Baker a 640 acre, uncontrolled blaze on Goodell creek.

Several small fires in Oregon were reported under control today.

A ten-day report from Crater forest listed 74 fires, 64 caused by lightning and six by smoking. Acreage burned totalled 770. A 400-acre fire on West Branch creek was under control with 30 men still watching it, the massage said.

RAIN IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—Light rain falling here early this afternoon broke the summer's long dry spell. There was a light sprinkle early today. At noon a few drops fell, and by 1:30 there was a considerable shower.

Skidding of an automobile on a pavement made wet by the first rain of the fall season caused serious injury to James H. Yates. His machine, getting out of control in a skid, went off Willamette boulevard and plunged 200 feet to Mocks Bottom, within 10 feet of the banks of the Willamette river. Yates suffered four broken ribs and severe internal injuries.

Big Oil Merger Discussed; Still In Early Stage

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11 (AP)—The Examiner says preliminary discussions looking toward a merger of the Union Oil company of California, California Petroleum corporation, Richfield Oil company and Pan-American Petroleum company into a $200,000,000 concern are under way but that the project still is in the embryonic stage, and terms have not been mentioned.

Reports of a merger involving two or more of the companies have been heard on the San Francisco stock exchange for several days. The newspaper says George Arnsby of Blair and company, New York investment bankers, now is in California in connection with the negotiations.

Prune Committee Is In Conference

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—The prune organization committee of nine was in conference today at the chamber of commerce here to determine what action, if any, shall be recommended with reference to organizing for handling the 1927 crop of prunes. The attitude of both packers and growers was being discussed.

At noon information was given out that it had not yet been determined to recommend a packers' growers organization which has been under consideration, or whether the committee should report back to the committee of 100 that no decision could be reached.

It was intimated that the conference would continue until late in the afternoon.

VANZETTI AND SACCO SAVED FROM DEATH

Governor Alvan T. Fuller Grants 12-Day Stay of Execution

TO PERMIT COURT TO INVESTIGATE

Condemned Men Learn of Action Quarter of An Hour Before Execution Time

BOSTON, Aug. 11 (AP)—Judge Sanderson of the Massachusetts supreme court today announced that he would allow exceptions to go before the full bench on his denial of a writ of error in the case of Sacco and Vanzetti.

The announcement came after a conference of more than two hours in chambers with Arthur D. Hill, defense counsel, and Attorney General Arthur K. Reading. A bill of exceptions was finally agreed upon and after this had been formally worked up and approved, Judge Sanderson indicated that he would allow it.

It was said that the four justices of the supreme court who will hear the exceptions were all within 24 hours journey of the courthouse and had already been notified to hold themselves in readiness for the session which will be probably on Tuesday morning.

BOSTON, Aug. 11. (AP)—Twelve more days of life have been assured Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

Fifteen minutes before their march to the death chair was to have started the warden at Charleston prison brought them word that Governor Fuller and his council had announced a respite until and including August 22.

The delay was order to permit a ruling on a writ of error by State Supreme Court Justice Sanderson which, if an approval, will take the case before the full bench of that court. There was some inference today that the ruling would be favorable.

Another Sayed

A third respite, signed with the others less than an hour before the current would have been switched on for the first of a triple execution, stayed for the same 12-day period the death of Celestino Madeiros, convicted of another murder and self-identified with the case of the other two.

The dramatic announcement from the state house climaxed a day charged with increasing tension.

It came after Governor Alvan T. Fuller, who once before had respited the condemned men and who only last Wednesday had turned down a plea for clemency after a long investigation, had presented to his council new reasons for delay.

The Reasons

Those reasons, in brief, were the contention of Arthur D. Hill, of defense counsel that a few more days were need to prosecut his eleventh hour fight through the

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WILD HORSES FACING DEATH IN DESCHUTES

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 11 (AP)—Thousands of wild horses roaming the upland plains of Deschutes and Crook counties in Central Oregon, are to be rounded up for slaughter because they are facing death from thirst.

A. L. Cross of the Oregon Humane Society, said that the lack of water was due to springs having been appropriated for irrigation purposes.

A great roundup of the mustangs is planned and they are to be sent to Portland where a packing house prepares horse meat for shipment to Europe.

County officials have been asked to cooperate in ordering the roundup under the provisions of a law passed by the state legislature three years ago.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	4	11	0
Boston	5	8	2

Batteries: Decsaur, Willoughby and Wilson; Mcquillan, Genewich and Bowen.

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	7	2
New York	4	5	1

Batteries: Vance and Deberry, Barney and Devormer.

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	6	6	0
Chicago	2	5	0

Batteries: Luque and Hargrave; Root and Gonzales.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	0	8	1
Philadelphia	4	8	0

Batteries: McFayden and Johnson, Hinks and Cochrane.