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OREGON: Unsettled, with showers in the west, partial clearing and Saturday. Moderate temperature. Humidity above normal.

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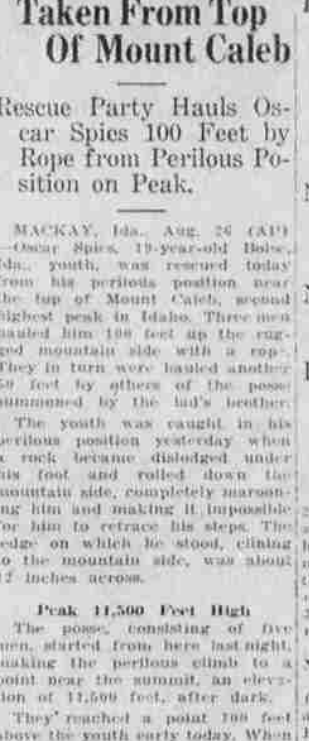
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VALLEY WILL
HAVE LARGE
APPLE CROPBarring Early Frosts,
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in Some OrchardsPRICE CONDITIONS
ARE FAVORABLEShortage over Nation Re-
sults in High Quota-
tions, Fortunate for Local
Growers.Barring early frosts the Grande
valley will have a large
apple crop this year and of ex-
cellent quality, apple growers de-
clare. While the fruit is scarce
in some of the orchards, where
there were only a few blossoms this
spring, which some say was due
to the frost last year, the or-
chards which blossomed in the
spring are exceptionally heavy
with fruit.Although the apple crop is lighter
in the lumber section, it is much
heavier in the lower end of the val-
ley. The fruit is advancing rapidly
and will have an extra good color
already starting in most or-
chards.In the orchards where the crop
is heavy growers have been busy
thinning for several weeks now.
Slight traces of black scale and
hull have been found in the ap-
ples, but not enough to cause any
damage to the crop.Picking Transparents
Picking has already started on
early varieties, such as Yellow
Transparents, Gravensteins and
Walthams will be ready about Sept.
15, according to present indica-
tions. The major picking, how-
ever, will not start until about
Sept. 25. Early shipments will
also start at about that time.All fruits, including apples, are
scarce over the United States this
year, and the prices are exception-
ally good. With prices unusually
high it is predicted that this will
be the best year for local apple
growers in about six years if
weather conditions remain favor-
able until after the crop is har-
vested.Prices Good
Although not more than 200
acres of apples will be shipped
from the valley this year, in com-
parison with about 450 in usual
years, the crop is considered good
and with a good market growers
who are fortunate enough to have
a crop are optimistic. H. H.
Weatherston, who is the largest
apple grower in the valley will
ship nearly half of the total crop
of apples.FIRST REPORT
ON CONTEST TO
BE IN MONDAYGirls entered in the Labor Day
queen contest are to report at 11
o'clock each morning to Louis
Evans, at the O. K. Barber shop.
The contest will be held on Mon-
day, Aug. 28, at 10 o'clock, in the
auditorium in charge of the
queen contest. On Wednesday,
Aug. 24, however, the girls are
asked to report at 10 o'clock.Both dance tickets and ex-
change tickets for the Labor Day
night are being sold by the girls.AUTO WRECK
As The Observer went to
press, a report was received
from Hot Lake stating that a
man and a woman were
brought there Sunday night
after a collision. The result
of an automobile accident.
Whether they were mortally
hurt was unknown. The car
bore a Washington license.
The occupants names have not
been learned.OUT
IN THE
VALLEYThe blanket covering of the
city of La Grande by The Ob-
server is always taken for granted
with over 1700 papers circu-
lated to readers here each eve-
ning. But it is sometimes for-
gotten that you who live on the
farm and in the smaller towns
of the two counties make up an-
other group of readers almost
equal in size to that of the city.On the rural routes out of La
Grande, for example, The Ob-
server goes by its own carriers
and by rural carriers to over 95
percent of the box holders each
day. Nearly as perfect cover-
age is available on the other
rural routes in the valley. There
are more guaranteed paid rural
subscribers to The Observer than
to any other two papers in the
two counties combined. It is
any wonder that The Observer
is so generally recognized as the
most economical and effective
medium available in this territory."Observer Advertis-
ing—
A Merchandising Service"Interest Gains
In Flower Show,
Yard ContestsJudging of Home Sur-
roundings to Be Sept. 8
with Blossom Exhibit
Following Day.With the announcement that the
fourth annual Neighborhood club
flower show will be held on Sept.
2, interest is growing in the ex-
position—a yearly event that has
grown with leaps and bounds since
its introduction in 1924.Poles of every conceivable vari-
ety, in both single and group dis-
play, will contest for honors of
the show. A special prize is to be
given for the winning Lady Hill-
man rose, the Neighborhood club
flower, while ribbons will be given
for the first, second and third
place winners in the approximately
20 classes.A branch of the flower show
which was introduced last year
and will be continued in the com-
ing show is the garden contest
which will be held on Sept. 8. Two
classes will be open here, one for
yards with more and the other
with less than a 100-foot frontage.
The real innovation of this year's
show is to be the rock garden con-
test, also scheduled for the Thurs-
day preceding the flower show
proper. The attractive rockeries
which have been added to the beauty
in so many La Grande homes this
year will be distinctly in the line
light on the judging day, for every
point in connection with their ar-
rangement and quality will be
taken into careful consideration by
the judges who will be authorities
on this popular subject of rock
gardens.According to Mrs. Ray Williams,
chairman of the committee in
charge of the show, the exact loca-
tion of the show will be determined
next week.Fred Hamilton
Called Beyond
This AfternoonFred Hamilton, who has been
critically ill at Hot Lake for some
time, died at 2:30 o'clock this af-
ternoon. Funeral arrangements
have not yet been made.Mr. Hamilton was manager of
the Straits and Grange papers
in this territory and had been in
the business here for several
years, having charge of the
branches in Union, Walla Walla
and Baker counties.Mr. Hamilton leaves a large
circle of friends who were sadly
shocked this afternoon when news
of his death was received.Last night Mr. Hamilton was
reported somewhat improved but
this morning his condition took a
sudden turn for the worse, and
medical skill was unable to stave
off death.Colored Man Is
Fined \$100 For
Having LiquorDavo McDaniel, colored, entered a
plea of guilty this morning when
he appeared before Judge Hugh
E. Brady in the justice court on a
charge of illegal possession of
intoxicating liquor. He was sen-
tenced to pay a fine of \$100, which
he was unable to pay and was com-
mitted to the county jail.McDaniel, and Mabel Taylor,
also colored, were arrested Wed-
nesday night at the home of the
latter, when about half a gallon
of moonshine whiskey was found
by officers. The woman appeared
in the justice court yesterday
morning and pled guilty to the
charge and was fined \$250, which
she was also unable to pay.Special Rates Are
Offered By U. P.The Union Pacific system is offer-
ing a special \$5 rate on round
trip fares to Portland from La
Grande over the Labor day week-
end. The train on which the
tickets is good leaves La Grande
Saturday, Sept. 2, at 6:10 p. m.
and arrives in Portland at 7:15 a. m.
the following morning.Returning, the tickets will be
honored in coaches only on any
regular train Sunday, Sept. 3, or
Monday, Sept. 5. The local agent
announces that baggage will not
be checked and that tickets are
now available.E. E. Bert Resigns
Traffic PositionTraffic Officer E. E. Bert, who
has been stationed in La Grande
for the last year, has resigned his
position in the state traffic force.
It is announced today. Mr. Bert's
resignation is to take effect Sept.
1. His successor has not yet been
announced.NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 26 (AP).
Two unarmored men armed with
sawed-off shotguns held up em-
ployees of a branch of the Indus-
trial Bank and Trust company in
this business district today and
secured \$14,546.NOVA SCOTIA
RECOVERING
FROM STORMNine Lives Lost, Includ-
ing 8-Months-Old Fal-
mouth Baby BoyWORST GALE IN
51-YEAR PERIODFifty Highway Bridges
Carried Away; Crops
Suffer Greatly; Ship-
ping Is Demoralized.HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 26 (AP).
Lines of communication thrown
into confusion by Wednesday
night's gale and rain which de-
stroyed light and communication
facilities, leveled crops and wrecked
shipping with the loss of at
least nine lives, were being slowly
restored today. Reports from out-
lying districts were still meager and
the whole story of the devastation
following the worst storm experi-
enced in Nova Scotia in 51 years
will not be told in its entirety for
some days.Some of the estimates place loss
to the apple and field crops at
more than a million dollars.
Two small steamers, 27 sailing
vessels and countless small craft
were thrown high and dry or found-
ered on the coast. Many of these
may be salvaged but the loss to
shipping will be enormous.50 Bridges Wrecked
At least 50 highway bridges are
known to have been carried away
and miles of trunk highways were
under water, interrupting traffic at
the height of the tourist season.
West of Kentville on the main
trunk highway, half a mile of road
was under water and engines were
used to transport passengers while
drives struggled to get their cars
through muddy, swollen roads. Great
sections of highways were under-
mined and washed away. In An-
napolis county it was estimated that
damage to highways would be over
\$150,000.The storm was general from Cape
North to Cape Sable. Numerous
stores of stored crops and haz-
ardous salvage work trickled in
over the wires. It was feared that
further casualty would be reported.Baby Drowned
Probably the most tragic out-
come of the storm was the drown-
ing of little Henry Joseph Bricker,
an eight months old, who was with
(Continued on Page Four.)SUNDAY SCHOOLS
PLANNING PICNICAnnual Gathering to Be
Held Aug. 28, West
of SummervilleThe annual group gathering of
the Sunday schools of the Ameri-
can Sunday School Union of this
county will be held at Pleasant
Grave Grange hall, two miles west
of Summerville, Sunday, Aug. 28,
from ten o'clock in the morning
to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr.
Wayne Smith, of Kansas City,
who will speak on the subject "The
Problems of Today."From 12 o'clock until two has
been set aside for the picnic lunch,
each family bringing a basket
lunch. At two o'clock a banner
will be given to the Sunday school,
which has the largest representation.In the afternoon the various
Sunday schools will give a short
program.The public is invited to attend
the picnic and a special invitation
is extended to the farm people of
the county. Mr. Smith announces.Timber Worth Half Million Dollars
Destroyed in Flames in CaliforniaNEWHALE, Cal., Aug. 26 (AP).
A blackened area of 40,000 acres
smoldered in the wake of the de-
vastating of the Angeles national
forest which as it burned out on
to the desert, during the night, al-
ready had done damage to timber
stands and resort buildings esti-
mated at \$2,000,000. Forest rangers
at the station here believed that
the flames would soon spread them-
selves in the timber stands of
the Angeles and Graceland on the
Mojave.Federal and county forestry offi-
cials, alarmed when another fire
started yesterday near El Estero
lake and burned over 20 square
miles before being controlled early
today, were considering closing all
recreation areas to the public. Sev-
enty-five men were sent to patrol
the new fire area while approach-HOUSE WAYS,
MEANS BOARD
MEET CALLEDCommittee to Consider
New Revenue Bill Be-
ginning October 1SEES NO NEED OF
SPECIAL SESSIONChairman Green Believes
Substantial Tax Reduc-
tion Will Be Ordered
by Congress.WASHINGTON, Aug. 26 (AP).
—Expressing the belief that there
is no necessity for a special session
of congress and forecasting a sub-
stantial tax reduction, Chairman
Green of the house ways and
means committee, today called a
meeting on October 21 of his com-
mittee which has original jurisdic-
tion over the formulation of a
new revenue bill.The lowering of taxes, however,
will be controlled to a large extent
by the lower representative de-
clared by the extraordinary ap-
propriations which are to be met
by the next session. He character-
ized the estimates of treasury sec-
retary of a \$120,000,000 surplus
available for this purpose as too
low. He indicated that corpora-
tion taxes and certain brackets of
the income tax would receive pri-
mary consideration in the de-
creases.Tariff Revision Unlikely
Mr. Green, in his analysis of the
pending tax legislation, points out
that the Mississippi flood and naval
emergency appropriations together
with the deficit appropriations
which failed in the last congress
and the mobile building program
will largely increase expenditures
by the coming session. He saw no
probability of tariff revision in
the session. Adding that "it is evident
only reductions which are most
pressing should be considered."Mr. Green expressed agreement
with the administration viewpoint
that if a substantial tax reduction
is to be obtained congress must be
careful about the expenditures.
"The house declared that he ex-
pected the bill to be enacted "with-
out a special session" in time to be
effective in next year's revenue.Says Budget Bureau Eers
No advance was made for the
fact that the business of the coun-
try was steadily growing. Mr. Green
said in his criticism of the treasury
surplus estimate. He added that
the budget bureau had erred in the
estimate by failure to anticipate
large payments from the sale of
railroad securities, sale of federal
bond, custom receipts in-
creases and foreign debt payments.Mr. Green said the revenue bill
will be the first matter taken up
by the new congress and stressed
that adjustment of appropriations
to the amount of revenue which
can be reasonably anticipated
should be considered "and a deficit
by all means ought to be avoided."In a statement issued today, the
democratic national committee ex-
pressed the treasury official's report
as "encouraging" the debt reduction
effected by the Wilson administration.
"It is a statement of the fact that
the federal government is now in a
position to pay its debts."Lumber Plant Is
Destroyed by FireTACOMA, Wash., Aug. 26 (AP).
Fire of undetermined origin
completely destroyed the mills of
the South Pacific Lumber com-
pany at South Prairie, 21 miles
south of Tacoma, this morning
with a loss estimated by company
officials at \$100,000.The fire, according to Henry
Skramstad, of Tacoma, manager
of the concern, was discovered by
the night watchman about 2 a. m.
by the time it was discovered the
flames had reached such propor-
tions that efforts to save the mill
were futile.The loss, according to Mr.
Skramstad, is partly covered by
insurance.Miss Helen Wills
Gains Semi-FinalsPORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP).
—Miss Helen Wills, California
star and tournament favorite,
advanced into the semi-finals by
defeating Kio Bowman, champion
of Hollywood, today, 6-1, 6-2, win-
ning the defending champion, Mrs.
Molla B. Mallory, had been an-
nounced by Mrs. Charlotte Hosson, champion of Ry-
lands, Mass., 6-1, 6-3, in the
quarter-finals of the national am-
ateur tennis championship.NEWHALE, Cal., Aug. 26 (AP).
All fires in the Columbia nation-
al forest were under control to-
day except the Rock Creek fire.
That fire was quiet except on the
west side where a crew of men
was working today to keep it
from breaking across the line.

RUBBER FROM CACTUS?

The desert cactus may have a
new and important use if John
G. Wickman's process for ex-
tracting synthetic rubber from it
proves practical. He has patented
the process and claims 75 million
pounds of rubber substitute could
be made from cactus now grow-
ing. The upper picture shows the
mucilage-like "latex" squeezed
after boiling the cactus. Jones
claims for Wickman the invention
of the first transgenic
electric light and several
important telephone ap-
pliances.Jones' Wizardry
SINKING QUIMETMINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 26 (AP).
—Golfy Jones, Atlanta, gained a
victorious lead over Francis Quimet,
Boston, and Chick Evans, Chicago,
in one down to Roland Mack-
enzie, Washington, D. C., at the
end of the first 18 holes of the
semi-finals of the national am-
ateur golf championships at Min-
neapolis today.Jones shot sub-par golf and fin-
ishing out in 32, was five up at the
quarter mark, as Quimet took 29.
Quimet won the fifth hole for his
first advantage, but soon lost four
more holes to be 3 down.Evans was better than Mackenzie
from the tee most of the way,
but was not better with the iron
except on rare occasions and was
not nearly as good with the put-
ter. The former champion lost
three of the four short holes, but
kept either even or not more than
one down. Mackenzie owed his
latest advantage to hitting a long
put for a birdie 2 at the 17th, af-
ter Evans had played a much
closer approach.Jones shot a splendid 65, being
the third time this week he had
broken 70, while Quimet could do
no better than 78. The tenth hole
proved to be the only hole the Bos-
ton star could win but he was not
playing as well as he had done
previously.Quimet saved himself from being
fired down by making 36 from
the third hole in the last two green.
He took 2 to get on the 14th but got
his par with a long putt and re-
spected on the fifth hole where his
second shot was dubbed to the
road.One Hole Over Par
Jones had only one hole over
par, the tenth, and bagged four
birdies making three fours on his
five holes after starting with a
birdie three at the first hole.
At the fifth hole Quimet missed
a short putt for a birdie, but added
from this and the tenth hole,
where he missed the green with
his second shot and slipped short, the
Atlanta made no material mis-
takes.Destroyer Noa Is
Target for ChinesePEKING, Aug. 26 (AP).—The
United States destroyer Noa 807,
based at Shanghai and making
calls from the southern bank of
the Yangtze river, above Hankow
yesterday, and returned the fire
there were no casualties. This was
about the time the gunboat had
shipyard of the American Yangtze
barges, was fired on from both
banks of the Yangtze at Shanghai.G. O. P. Convention
Due Friday NightPORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP).
The republican convention to
nominate the party's candidate for
congressman will be held at the
public auditorium next Friday night
Sept. 2 at 7 o'clock.
This was decided last night at
a meeting of the congressional re-
publican committee.The delegates to the convention
will be the republican prefect com-
missioners and no other.Idaho Youth Is
Taken From Top
Of Mount CalebRescue Party Hauls Os-
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Rope from Perilous Po-
sition on Peak.MACKAY, Ida., Aug. 26 (AP).
—Oscar Spies, 19-year-old Idaho
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from his perilous position near
the top of Mount Caleb, second
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ged mountain side with a rope.
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for him to retrace his steps. The
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Peak 11,500 Feet High

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reach, but when it was swung he
finally grasped it and three of the
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Francis Monini, hauled him up the
craggy side a distance of 100 feet.
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Robinson then hauled the four
men 50 additional feet to the
trail.The descent was begun and the
party did not reach Mackay until
about 6 o'clock this morning. Spies
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ing Porto Rico This
Morning ReceivedNAVAL OFFICERS
EXPECT FAILUREFlyer Hasn't Sufficient
Gas for 4,600 Miles Is
Opinion—May Stop at
Pernambuco.ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Aug.
26 (AP).—A radio message from
station 4AQM, Nassau, picked up
here by the Financial Journal's 40
meter wireless station, today said
that the Port of Brunswick, photo-
graphed by Paul Redfern, was within
200 miles east of the British Bahama
islands by a steamer.NOT SEEN OVER PORTO RICO
SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Aug. 26
(AP).—If Paul Redfern, Georgia
aviator who is now en route from
Brunswick, Ga., to Rio de Janeiro,
passed over Porto Rico in his huge
Stinson-Detroler monoplane dy-
ing the night, his passage was un-
observed so far as any reports re-
ceived here show.Aviators said today that the
lighthouse along the coast of Porto
Rico as well as the reflected light
of towns and cities on the island
would be sufficiently strong to aid
him greatly in keeping his course
if he came within 25 to 75 miles
of the island.Locally the weather was reported
excellent throughout the night.
(Redfern was expected to pass
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