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THE WEATHER

OREGON—Fair tonight and  
Thursday; local trade in the east  
portion tonight; gentle northwest  
winds.

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ENROLLMENT  
IN SCHOOLS  
HIGHEST YETOne Thousand Eight  
Hundred and Eighty-  
Six StudentsWEATHER HOLDS  
MANY BACK, ALSORegular Classwork Under-  
way in Both Gram-  
mar Schools And in  
High School Today.

A new opening-day attendance record for La Grande was set yesterday when a total of 1,886 students, reported in the grammar and high schools, it is announced today by Superintendent J. T. Longfellow. This is a record for the weather, which is known to have kept many children at home with their parents stating that they will be started to school in the near future.

Compared with last year's record, the first day enrollment showed a total increase of 24 students, although at Greenwood school, which is served by few concrete sidewalks and where inclement weather kept a large number of pupils at home, a slight decrease was shown.

All other grade schools, particularly the Central school, showed increased over last year. In the high school 430 students were registered, compared with 444 last year.

Two Year Figures  
Incidentally, the opening day last year was sunny and almost ideal as far as weather is concerned.

The figures for all schools follow:

| School      | Students |
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| High School | 430      |
| Central     | 522      |
| Greenwood   | 404      |
| Rivera      | 285      |
| Willow      | 162      |
| Total       | 1,886    |

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Blokland Herd  
Of Purebreds Is  
Sold To GrahamElgin Man Is New Owner  
Of 200 Herefords Rank-  
ing High in This State

The Andrew Blokland herd of purebred Hereford cattle, which has built up an excellent reputation as one of the finest in the entire state of Oregon, has been purchased by F. E. Graham and his son, Elgin, Ore.

The herd, numbering 200 head of cattle, is said to have brought a large price, running into several thousands of dollars, although Mr. Graham did not make public the amount.

The sale was conducted by the La Grande National bank, Mr. Graham reports.

The herd of Herefords are to be taken to Elgin from the Blokland farm near Island City the latter part of this week. Mr. Graham, like Mr. Blokland, has been in the cattle business for many years and is greatly pleased with his purchase, declaring that Mr. Blokland deserves high praise for the building up of such a fine strain of cattle.

Recalls Comedy  
Event Of Train  
Wreck Yesterday

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7. (AP)—Reminiscences of the brief dark, frightening, yet humorous moments when the Southern Pacific company's Shasta limited passenger train was derailed north of Woodland, Cal., yesterday were being told by passengers today as details of the accident in which none was seriously hurt, were gathered for the official investigation.

Mrs. R. E. Briggs of Boston, Mass., who, with her husband, was sent to a hospital for treatment of the crash injuries told one of the funniest stories on hand.

"I was awakened by a crash and my head tipped at right angles," she said. "My first thought was getting my clothes. I couldn't find my things in the jumble of clothing on the floor. It was shortly after midnight and the lights were extinguished by the crash. I grabbed the first thing my hand touched—I thought it was my underwear. As I started to pull it on I was startled by a heavy bus voice, excited, emphatic."

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FOURTH CLUB  
FLOWER SHOW  
DUE FRIDAYMrs. Oliver, Mrs. Seitz  
And Miss Anson  
To JudgeENTRIES INDICATE  
KEEN COMPETITIONJudging of Flowers Will  
Take Place at One  
O'clock—Evening Pro-  
gram Included.

Selection of the winning gardens and rockeries from a large list of entries tomorrow will precede the fourth annual Neighborhood club flower show, which is to be held Friday at the Elks' temple. Mrs. Turner Oliver, Mrs. Clyde Seitz and Miss Margaret Anson will act as judges. Judging will take place from 1 to 2 o'clock and the evening program will be held from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Last year prizes went to the A. J. Stange home in the division for gardens with a frontage of more than 100 feet, and to the A. T. Hill home for a frontage of less than 100 feet. Other prize winning homes last year were the William Sigrist, W. H. Reuter, Earl Zindel, Dr. Ray E. Murphy, and Robert S. Harkin homes.

The Flower Show

The flower show on the following day will be open to the public from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock in the evening. Judging will take place at 1 o'clock and all those who plan to enter flowers must do so between 5 and 11 o'clock. Mrs. A. T. Hill and Mrs. A. J. Stange will be in charge of the entry and Mrs. Fred Kiddle will have the punch table. Vocal numbers by Mrs. Leo Miller and Mrs. Lela Russell will be featured at the evening's program. Flowers will be sold during the evening at a nominal price. All those making entries are asked to bring their own vases.

The classifications of the show follow: Mixed bouquets in bowls, mixed bouquets in baskets, cuttings, arrangements, vases, vases, table of collections, bouquets, roses, Lady Hillington roses, asters, gladioli, dahlias, marigolds in single and collection, candelabra, gladioli, lilies, peonies and annual flowers.

The American Legion will hold a regular meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at the K. of P. hall. Regular business will be brought before the assembly. The announcement of an Armistice day celebration and hearing of that report on the convention will be the chief business of the meeting. Post commander Hugh Brady stated this morning.

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Wheat Shipping  
Company Winner  
In Federal CourtJudge McNary Directs  
Government to Return  
\$57,106.80 Plus Interest  
To Kerr, Gifford & Co.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7. (AP)—When grain is purchased for foreign export, its journey to the other side of the ocean begins as it starts from the warehouse in the interior.

This is the purpose of a decision late yesterday by United States District Judge John H. McNary in the case of Kerr, Gifford and company against Clyde G. Huntley, federal collector of internal revenue.

The company sued for a refund of \$57,106.80 for money paid under protest as taxes on freight shipments of wheat from Eastern Oregon and Idaho between August 1926 and January, 1927. The tax was collected by the averted authority of a clause in the war revenue-raising measure of 1918 that assessed a tax on domestic freight charges.

The contention of the shipping firm was that the wheat was purchased solely for foreign export, and that its journey abroad began when it left the warehouses in the interior and that trans-shipment in Portland was merely incidental to the voyage. As the company did not pay the tax during the period named, it was assessed 100 per cent penalty.

Judge McNary not only ordered the return of this money, but directed the government should pay 5 per cent interest on the money from the day it was collected, which brought the total to \$58,357.71.

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