

N. K. WEST FIRM SINGS SWAN SONG

Mr. West Ends 30 Years in Mercantile Business Here.

FAIK COMPANY WILL TAKE STORE AUG. 1

Veteran Merchant Recalls Early Days When a Flag Summoned the General Delivery.

Today the firm of N. K. West & Company goes out of existence. Tomorrow its successors, the Fails Company take possession and will continue the store under the management of William Siegrist who has been one of the principal owners of the West store for the past six years.

It was just 30 years ago that N. K. West entered business in La Grande. He came here in the fall of 1898 from Portland where he had a department store on the east side. In May 1899 he bought Jay Brooks' out and started his business career in La Grande in the room that is now the men's store of N. K. West & Co.

Next to the building were three vacant lots, the two now occupied by the store and the one where the Gardner building now stands. Mr. West induced Mr. Brooks to build a new building on these two vacant lots in 1900, and moved the store into the new building. The old room was occupied by a furniture store run by Adcock and Kinsey. Mr. West says, until 1905 when he took over that room for the enlarged store. The rent on the building at that time was less than the taxes are today.

Herman Siegrist, one of the principal owners in the retiring firm entered the business in September, 1907 and William Siegrist became a principal partner six years ago.

In 1909, according to Mr. West, there were four stores in La Grande larger than his. The Chicago Store run by Turner Oliver, the New York Store run by Murphy and Stuchell and the Fair store run by Fred Gehbel.

All the deliveries for all the stores were made by the Jackson transfer and Mr. West says that they had a red flag that they displayed in front of the store when they had made a sale and had package to go out. He indicated that each store watched carefully the number of times the flag was put out by its competitors.

In those days La Grande was a town of about 3,000 people, with one street and a wood sidewalk. It was almost impossible to cross the streets at certain seasons of the year.

There were two banks in town, the Farmers and Traders headed by J. W. Scriber and the La Grande National headed by J. O. Church. Mr. West says that there were three men now in retail business in La Grande who were here at that time, J. H. Pearce in the jewelry business, W. H. Bohlenkamp in the hardware business and A. T. Hill in the drug business.

In 1921 N. K. West retired from active management of the store although retaining a large stock interest until the present time. He purchased the Wade ranch out in the valley and ranching has been his hobby and occupation ever since.

Many employees of the West store have been with the organization for a long period of years. James D. Smith, head of the dry goods department, started work for N. K. West Nov. 1, 1891 and ends 37 years of service today.

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Switzerland Is Favorite Country, Says Mrs. McAdory, Home From Trip

By HESTER HOPKINS There are three reasons why Mrs. W. P. McAdory wanted to travel around the world. In an interview this morning at the Saccawewa Inn, about her recently completed world tour, she told them. First, she wanted to experience the adventure of the tourist, to see the world, to see the most interesting people, to do as she wanted to do. The greatest handicap of her journey was not being able to speak all the languages, so her message to youth is to learn the language because they are sure assets in travel. Mrs. McAdory visited in the countries of France, England, Switzerland, Spain, China, Hawaiian Islands, Philippine Islands, Malaya, Assam, Burma, India and the Holy Land, and she thinks that Switzerland is her favorite country. The scenery is lovely, the people wholesome, and everywhere there is an atmosphere of peace. In Switzerland the watchmaker is as much respected as the pioneer or any person of high position in America. In the countries of England, Italy and Spain, they are drilling, making boats and airplanes with an apparent idea of being prepared for war.

Driver Seriously Hurt As Cherry Truck Overtakes

Dick Brothers Loses Control of Machine on Hill Out of Cove. About Half of Cherries Ruined.

When he lost control of a truck transporting 250 boxes of cherries from Cove to La Grande, Dick Brothers, about 60, was seriously injured last night, shortly after six o'clock, on the down grade near the Frank Conley farm.

A crushed shoulder, thought broken in several places, cuts in one eye, and a severed ear were sustained when the truck driver was thrown from the machine as it hurtled into a ditch, turning over.

Cherries that scattered in the large vehicle skidded for some distance, littered the highway. Brothers were rushed to the Grande hospital by Merrill Conley. This morning, he was taken to Hot Lake for an operation on his shoulder. Reports from Cove at about noon said that his condition was not critical. He is a married man, the father of four children.

One wheel of the truck was broken, it was reported. Brothers was driving the truck for Karl Stuckland, bringing the packed boxes of black cherries to La Grande for railroad shipment. About half of the carload was salvaged and brought on to La Grande to be re-packed. All of the boxes were said to be fringed from the truck.

MR. McKENNON IS SPEAKER AT ROTARY LUNCH

Speaking on the farm corporation, proposed by the national board recently, Frank McKennon addressed Rotary club members when they met at the Saccawewa Inn. Mr. McKennon is a farmer from near Imbler. Moving pictures of the club were taken for the Union county newswall which is being prepared this and next week.

Realtors Add State Boards to Program

Introduction of state boards, designed to cope with the particular state's problems, was one of the most important legislations at the recent convention of the Pacific Northwest Realtors, according to Sherwood Williams, local realtor and past president of the northwest organization.

Previously there has been no organization of realtors in separate states but, by a change in the by-laws each state will have one vice-president and each local board a director and this group will handle one or two meetings a year, dealing entirely with state affairs. The system means that better real estate results in each state may be achieved and, the Northwest session can be devoted entirely to problems of the whole district.

Try For Cycling Endurance Record

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., July 31 (AP)—Four boys living near this flying field are out for an endurance record with a motorcycle. One vaults in the seat from the rear while the previous occupants leap over the handlebars. As a driver passes a refueling station he grabs a can of gasoline off the end of a fishing pole.

JUGOSLAVIA HAS GREAT LOSS

BEIGRADE, Jugoslavia, July 31 (AP)—The arsenal of Sarajevo was destroyed by fire last night, the damage amounting to 8,000,000 dinars, or about \$1,500,000.

Funeral Services Held For Mr. Parks

Funeral services at the Baptist church of Elgin were held this afternoon for Andrew J. Parks, who had been a resident of that community from 1891 to 1919. He was born in Oregon county, Ind., June 22, 1855 and was 73 years, 1 month and seven days of age at death. He married Emma C. Zowinski May 31, 1881. She preceded him in death only a short time, passing away Oct. 14, 1928. The deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Clarence Burns, of Pleasant Valley, a son, Lee Parks, of Toluca and two brothers, Levi and N. R. Parks of Elgin. Since 1919 he has resided in various eastern Oregon localities. He passed away at Baker July 29. Interment was made in the Elgin cemetery.

Pendleton Dark Two Hours Last Evening

PENDLETON, Ore., July 31 (AP)—Pendleton was dark for more than two hours last night when a large transformer in the local substation went out at 9 p. m. Lightning is thought to have caused the trouble. The night was sultry after a day in which the temperature soared to 100 degrees.

ARREST 23 FOR LIQUOR VIOLATIONS

Since June 5, hold Average of Nearly One Every Other Day.

FOURTEEN PAY FINES, \$50 OR OVER

City, County, State and Federal Officers Have High Average, Report of John Arkell Shows.

Twenty-three liquor arrests have been made by city, county, state and federal officers in Union county during the last 55 days, a survey of records at the office of Sheriff Jesse Bresters reveals. Out of 23 there are 14 completed cases in which guilty pleas were entered before Judge L. Denham and noted out. The remaining nine are out on bonds, with trials coming up. No fine of the amount has been lower than \$50 and some have reached \$300.

Figures were compiled with the aid of John Arkell, deputy in the sheriff's office who joined the Union county staff about two months ago. Mr. Arkell was at Pendleton for about four years before coming to La Grande.

The check-up shows the following cases: On June 5, Dave White, Boise, was arrested for drunken driving. He is still under \$250 bonds and will be tried in September. On June 6, A. G. Fletcher, of Boise, was fined \$50 for being drunk on the public highway.

Everett Clark, Starkey, was fined \$50 for possession, June 7 and Grant Clark, also of Starkey, gave \$50 on the same charge. For possession of beer a Union man, Ed Horton paid \$100 on the 7th. Jerry Smith, of La Grande is under \$100 bonds for possession of liquor. She was arrested June 13. On June 14 Ann Lewis appeared before the justice and was charged with possession.

Two days later, June 16, James P. Thomas pleaded guilty to sale of liquor and was fined \$150. On the same day Joseph L. Samuelsen paid a \$300 fine. July 17 Herman Moser was arrested and is under \$200 bonds for sale of liquor.

John M. Shores, of Union, was fined \$150 for sales on the 17th. From Union also was John Jenkins who paid \$200 for sales on the same day. Ethel Harrison is out on \$1500 bonds to the federal department on sales when Johnny Nicholson is out on \$1500 bonds to the federal department.

Lazel Oxford pleaded guilty to possession and paid \$100. On July (Continued on Page Eight)

City Suffers As Mark Of 102 Is Reached Tuesday

In a relentless upward climb the thermometer reached 102 here yesterday, while La Grander's sweltered, and sought the swimming pools. A sultriness in the atmosphere made the excessive heat the more unpleasant.

On June 14 a mark of 100 was reported for yesterday. It was the heat last night that was the most disagreeable feature of the wave. At no time did the temperature go below 84. Exceeding yesterday's 7:30 mark by four degrees, the thermometer read 76 today at that hour. The Monday maximum was 89.

The highest of the season, was within five degrees of the climax of 102—reached July 26, 1928 with 107.

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Find Body Of Wade Shelton At Union Today

Boys Find Dead Farmer in Back of Gibson Pool Hall; Holding Body For Coroner's Investigation.

Small boys, playing at the back of the Gibson pool hall of Union, at nine o'clock this morning discovered the body of Wade Shelton about 40, a farmer.

The body was being held, at noon today, for coroner's examination. An Observer correspondent from Union who had inquired for the death had been known how many hours the man had been dead. He was the son of Mrs. Anna Barber, of Union and had been farming on the Dora Hutchinson place, north of Union. He has a brother, Charles Shelton, an attorney at Baker. Shelton was not married.

SELF GETS FINE OF \$300. COSTS IN COURT TODAY

A fine of \$30 and costs for reckless driving was imposed on Ernest Self, of California, in justice court today when he pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace L. Denham.

Self, with his brother, Doyle, and H. J. Allstead, crashed into a car driven by George Dulya, of Pendleton, Sunday, on the highway, demolishing the Pendleton machine and wrecking the body of the California car. The accident occurred about four miles this side of Kamorla. Warrants were issued yesterday morning for the three men and they were brought back to La Grande from Baker. Later charges were dropped against the remaining two.

The driver sustained internal injuries when his car tumbled nearly 200 feet down a steep embankment. He was said to be much improved today. Neither of his companions was injured nor were the two occupants of the Pendleton car hurt, except for minor bruises.

Chicago Has New Shooting Affray

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—James "Boss" Shupe died this morning from a bullet wound received in a shooting affray last night in which two other men were wounded. Physicians at Bridewell hospital expected momentarily the death of Thomas McNichols, 37, believed to have been one of the participants in the shooting. They said he could not live more than a few hours.

The other wounded man is George Higgins, 29, a friend of Shupe. His condition was serious. Police saw in the shooting, which took place in the west Madison street "badlands" a possible renewal of the beer wars, since Shupe, a former convict, was known, they said, to be engaged in the beer trade.

Man Goes to Sleep Wakes Up In Jail

BISMARCK, N. D., July 31 (AP)—Henry Tracy was astonished and somewhat embarrassed to find himself in the North Dakota penitentiary yesterday. He had done nothing, he assured the warden, to warrant an incarceration.

After prison records substantiated his statement, Tracy was allowed to proceed with his story. The night before, he had climbed into an empty box car in the local yards. The car, to be loaded with twine, was switched into the penitentiary yards while he slept.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

Table with columns for National League Games and American League Games, listing teams and scores.

A PRESIDENTIAL OCCASION



Two noted fishermen met at the White House the other day, angled for each other's hand, spoke of the net results of presidential life and, no doubt, gave each other a line on the political outlook. Here you see President Hoover, right, as he warmly welcomed his predecessor, former President Coolidge, to the ceremonies which put into effect the new Kellogg-Briand Anti-War Treaty. It was their first meeting since President Hoover's inauguration.

Ambassador To Italy Thought John W. Garrett

By James M. West (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP)—John W. Garrett, Baltimore banker, is understood to have been selected by President Hoover as ambassador to Italy, succeeding Henry P. Fletcher, who has determined to retire from the diplomatic service.

When President Hoover and Secretary Stimson complete their reorganization of the diplomatic service only five at most and perhaps only four of the fourteen ambassadors who served Calvin Coolidge will remain at their posts.

Many changes among the forty-one ministers accredited to the smaller foreign nations also will be made, but relatively speaking they will not be on the wholesale scale of those in the higher diplomatic posts.

Almon B. Houghton already has been replaced at London by Charles Gates Dawes. Others whose resignations have been or are expected to be accepted are: Jacob Gould Schurman, of New York, ambassador to Germany.

Charles H. Hammond, of New Jersey, ambassador to Spain. William S. Culbertson, of Kansas, ambassador to Chile. Alexander J. Moore, of Pennsylvania, ambassador to Peru. Noble Brandon Judah, of Illinois, ambassador to Cuba.

Charles MacVeagh, of New York, ambassador to Japan. Senator Walter R. Edge, of New Jersey, will succeed the late Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, as ambassador to France but the names of the successors to the other ambassadors who are to retire still are withheld.

Freight Trains Kills Woman At Pullman

PULLMAN, Wash., July 31 (AP)—Trapped at the tracks by her shoe, which had caught under a rail, Mrs. Zola Hook, 26, of Moscow, Idaho, was killed by a freight train at a crossing here today, reports to the coroner said.

No one saw the accident but investigators found her shoe at the crossing, and a piece of the heel was edged under the tracks. The freight engine carried the body 120 yards away.

The freight engineer told Coroner W. L. LaFollette Jr., that he did not see the woman as he approached the G. W. R. and N. crossing. She is survived by a daughter, three brothers and her parents, all of Moscow.

FOREST FIRES GAIN AS DROUGHT HOLDS

East Heat Breaks Some what But West Still in Grip.

By The Associated Press Temperatures that tumbled precipitously overnight today brought to the entire country a break in a five day wave of excessive heat.

From coast to coast and from Canadian border to the Gulf cities reported appreciable drops, especially Bismark, North Dakota, where the temperature fell 48 degrees to 54.

The break in the heat, however, failed to alleviate severe drought conditions in the United States and Canada. Rains continued local and light, while crops went in willing and forest fires in Canada assumed menacing proportions.

agricultural authorities in the east estimated that three days of soaking rain is needed for crops in their regions.

BEND, Ore., July 31 (AP)—From fifteen to twenty forest fires were started by an electric storm Monday night and last night in the Deschutes forest, rangers reported today.

TORONTO, Ont., July 31 (AP)—With no sign of rain, seemingly the only remedy, the forest fire situation in Canada continued to grow more serious today. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, pall of black smoke lay over wide areas in every province.

All available man power, fire fighting equipment and airplane auxiliaries were being pressed into service by dominion and provincial authorities.

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—"Fair and warm" was the forecast today for the middle west, after a day of more than a week by torrid weather.

Four deaths were attributed to the heat here yesterday. The thermometer bounced up to 87 degrees.

ONTARIO, Wis., July 31 (AP)—Found into fire by a high wind, a forest fire in northern Ontario country which had been thought subdued, broke out again today and was sweeping into new country while calls for help in fighting it were sent out.

MEDEFORD, Ore., July 31 (AP)—For the second successive day the temperature rose to 95 degrees yesterday. The heat was intensified by low humidity and by a dry forecast with smoky forest fires.

Wheat Prices Soar Once More Today

CHICAGO, July 31 (AP)—Wheat prices soared maximum advance of 4 1/2 cents a bushel today and closed at practically the day's top figures. Big export buying of domestic red and hard winter wheat of about 2,000,000 bushels, together with purchasing of 500,000 barrels to 1,000,000 barrels of flour for shipment to Europe, was largely responsible.

Table with columns for Weather Today, Weather Yesterday, and Weather July 31, 1928, listing temperature ranges.

Graf Zeppelin To Leave Germany At Dawn Aug. 1

American Passengers Included; World Trip to Take 17 Days of Flying.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, July 31 (AP)—The departure of the dirigible Graf Zeppelin on her trans-Atlantic air voyage to America was set today for 3 a. m. tomorrow morning (9 a. m. Wednesday, E. S. T.).

Passengers gathered from all over Europe, among them various Americans. Some rushed from great distances so as not to be left behind when the mighty craft pokes its nose westward with the daybreak on its great adventure.

Cargo, including several baboons and baggage of the passengers, and a large quantity of mail, was in the holds, fuel tanks were filled, cells were inflated.

Knut Eckerer, the tall, fair-headed son of Dr. Hugo Eckerer, skipper of the dirigible, predicted a prompt getaway at dawn tomorrow.

The Graf Zeppelin expected to arrive at Lakeland, probably circling first over New York City, some time next Sunday. At the completion of a four-day trip over a course of probably more than 4,000 miles.

The ship will remain at Lakeland three or four days, beginning there on August 7 or August 8 its round-the-world trip. Crossing eastward its first stop will be Friedrichshafen for three or four days, and the last at Los Angeles for four days.

"We expect to use 17 days for the flight itself, exclusive of stops," said Captain Von Schiller, third in command.

The journey, with the stops included, should take a little less than a month.

Jury Picked For Hix Murder Trial

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 31 (AP)—After five days in which 39 persons were examined, a jury was completed today to hear the first degree murder trial of Dr. James H. Hix, charged with the hammer slaying of Miss Theora Hix, his paramour, and student at Ohio state University.

President Judge Henry L. Scarlett overruled a defense motion for a continuance of the trial until "such a time as the defendant is physically able to give attention to the proceedings."

Exclusion of Professor and Mrs. Melvin T. Hix, parents of the slain girl from the court room was under consideration today because of evident feeling the aged man holds against the defendant.

Former Editor Dies Today In Portland

PORTLAND, July 31 (AP)—Robert C. Washburn, at one time editor and part owner of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, died here after a short illness. He had lived in Portland for the past six years.

Washburn was born in Maine. His uncle, Elihu Washburn, was minister to France during the Franco-Prussian war. Other members of the family were identified with the flour industry of Minneapolis.

DENY ASSOCIATION LICENSE SALEM, Ore., July 31 (AP)—Clare A. Lew, state insurance commissioner, has given an official decision denying to the North American Automobile association a license to operate in Oregon.

The decision states that the license is denied because the commissioner "is not satisfied that the management of the American Automobile association is competent and trustworthy."

FLIERS PAY TRIBUTE TO AIR BUDDY

Down After Living in Air Nearly Eighteen Days.

ST. LOUIS, July 31 (AP)—Dale (Red) Jackson and Forest O'Brien, who came back to earth last night after living seventeen and one-half days in the sky in their monoplane, St. Louis Robin, to score a new and historical triumph for aviation.

Turned from the plaudits of the nation today to humbly pay their respects to a fallen "air buddy." They abandoned their amazing air feat while yet short of their goal in order that they might bow before the bier of George Len Lambert, their friend and fellow aviator, who was killed Monday.

The epic flight ended at 7:38:30 last night at Lambert-St. Louis field. The ground had been made muddy by a downpour of rain on the little orange-colored monoplane to a safe landing while a crowd of 25,000 persons, which had stood in the rain, went wild.

Several persons were injured, but none seriously, as the cheering throng broke down a fence and surged through ropes to reach the fliers. There was another thunderous ovation by an equally large crowd as the fliers reached a downtown hotel, escorted by a squad of motorcycle police.

The flight began at 7:17 a. m. July 13 and the fliers were up 420 hours, 21 minutes, and 30 seconds, exceeding by more than 173 hours, or over a week, the previous world's endurance flight record.

Away from the roar of their trusty motor, the fliers rested today in a luxurious suite at their hotel. They were not weary, however, for the flight surgeon, Dr. A. C. Legatt, who examined them before they left the field, said they were in excellent physical condition. Jackson lost no weight during the long test and O'Brien gained 1 1/2 pounds.

A chamber of commerce luncheon for the fliers and their wives with the presentation of hundreds of gifts was the only celebration.

Rich American Is Guilty, Jury Says

LONDON, July 31 (AP)—Richard Joshua Reynolds, rich young American of Winston Salem, N. C., was today found guilty of manslaughter on charges growing out of an accident in which his automobile was involved and a motor cyclist was killed last May.

The old Bailey jury deliberated less than an hour. Arthur Graham, the motor cyclist, was killed on the Bath road when Reynolds was driving back to London from an outing at Hurley. The prosecution alleged that Reynolds was drunk. Reynolds was sentenced to five months in prison.

The American was also ordered to pay the cost of the prosecution which will be heavy. His lawyer, Norman Birkett, pleading for mitigation of the sentence said Reynolds had provided for Graham's widow for life.

Lindy, Wife In Second Accident—Discovery of Maya City Explained

NEWARK, N. J., July 31 (AP)—Landing at the Newark airport today on completion of a trans-continental flight, Lindbergh and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh experienced their second narrow escape from serious mishap in 12 hours.

The plane went into a ground loop, damaging one wheel and the tip of a wing. Neither the Colonel nor his wife was injured.

Late yesterday, in landing at Columbus, Ohio, their last stop before Newark, the plane started a ground loop when a tire on one wheel blew out. The plane shuddered half way round, but the Colonel righted it after scraping a wing on the runway.

The Lindberghs' arrival marked the end of their cross country flight to inspect the lines of the trans-continental air transport, of which he is technical adviser.

The Colonel and his wife spent the night at a Newark hotel. Neither made any comment on the mishaps.

The arrival of the flying Colonel here was coincident with publication of officials of the Pan-American Airways of the Colonel's discovery last February of the ruins of a lost Maya city. Without a camera on his flight over Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, it was impossible for him to take pictures of the ruins, but he has expressed a desire to return to the Maya city and take pictures of his discovery.