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THE WEATHER Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday with fog along the coast, high temperatures in the interior.

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40-CARLOAD PRUNE CROP IS EXPECTED

Yield Less Than Normal Due to Hail, But Quality is Excellent

FAIR PRICE FOR YIELD IS LIKELY

Picking and Shipping Will Begin About Sept. 25—Much of Crop Will Be Dried.

With the harvesting of the prune crop to begin in Union county...

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According to John Dean, one of the prominent fruit men of the valley, it looks like the market ought to improve in the near future...

The price for dried prunes is reported to be good, and a considerable percentage of the Union county crop will be dried.

The normal crop in Union county ranges about 60 to 45 carloads but growers estimate that the amount this year will be about 40 carloads.

Lee Henry Whitted Passes Away Here

Lee Henry Whitted, a resident of La Grande for the last nine years, who passed away here after a severe illness...

Mr. Whitted was born at Christian, in Edgar, Ill., on Oct. 19, 1877 and when a young man he went to Missouri and married Jenny Lulla Love...

PARKED CARS ARE VISITED BY ROBBERS

Police officers were reported to the police yesterday, including the consignment of a filling station at Island City and unverified reports that similar business places had been entered at Union and Cove.

Numerous articles were stolen from cars parked at a local hotel, including five jewel boxes, six to eight boxes of toilet articles in colored ivory, some ammunications, a parking lamp and a horn.

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Hunters Give Up Hope Of Opening Season Sept. 15

Deer Plentiful in Eastern Oregon But Prayers for Rain Are Not Yet Answered.

With deer hunting prospects the best in several years, hunters in Eastern Oregon, with the weather remaining warm and clear, have practically given up hope of starting out in search of the fleet-footed animal on Sunday, Sept. 15.

A lot of hunters are both open and secretly praying for rain. Some have their equipment packed, ready for an early get-away in case deer plentiful in the hills this season continues to fall.

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Wallowa county, George Rogers Deer constantly increasing in Wallowa county. Hunters who visit this section will have no difficulty in bagging their limit of mule deer.

Prayer in Lower Regions Baker county, W. H. Fellows—Stockmen riding in the hills re-

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Dr. Lewis Speaks On Problems of Sunday School

Dr. Charles H. B. Lewis, field secretary of the parable and church board of the United Lutheran church of America, discussed the practical and problems of the Sunday school before a representative audience last night in the English Lutheran church here.

The speaker pointed out that according to the Indiana survey only two per cent of the people's money is devoted to religious education, compared with 48 per cent for public school education.

The need of today, he said, is for evangelism through religious education. However, much so-called religious education is not really Christian, and is not really Christian.

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis left here this morning for The Dalles, where he will conduct a conference this evening.

Quarantine Case Of Scarlet Fever

Police yesterday quarantined the home of R. M. Trickett, at 2902 North Alder street, because of scarlet fever. Maxine, his 11-year-old daughter, is ill of the disease.

'49 Show Prizes To Be On Display

Four prizes to be given away during the annual days of '49 show sponsored each fall by the R. P. O. Effels for their Christmas fund, are to be on display in show windows of the city next week. It was announced today.

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LOS ANGELES GRAND JURY ACCUSES 13

Six Police Officers, a Confessed Bootlegger, Others Indicted.

ALLEGED BRIBERY CONSPIRACY BARED

All of Indicted Policemen Are Veterans—Captain, Two Lieutenants are Involved.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12 (AP)—Los Angeles county's grand jury, having already indicted six police officers, a confessed bootlegger, his partner, and five John Does, continued in session today with a promise of more true bills in furtherance of its announced determination to clean up "several dirty spots" in the city police department.

The six policemen, including a lieutenant, two sergeants and three patrolmen, all of the vice detail, were at liberty on \$10,000 bond each, pending hearing of their pleas next Monday. Those under arrest were Lieut. Walter E. "Bob" Evans, formerly captain in charge of the vice squad, Sergeant Oscar Peterson and M. H. Ledbetter. All are accused of accepting bribes of from \$500 to \$750 from J. B. Westman, alias Harry D. MacDonell, confessed illicit liquor dealer on a half million dollar scale, who started the investigation when he told District Attorney Byron Ellits ten days ago that he was "sick and tired of being shaken down."

Westman is also in jail on a liquor law violation charge. The liquor law violation charge, the felony conspiracy warrant against him has not yet been served. Others indicted, Gus Pongratz, Westman's alleged partner in the bathhouse-liquor establishment, and persons named in the five John Doe warrants, have not been found.

Investigators announced they had evidence to place before the grand jury today involving two other lieutenants and a captain of the force.

BOY KILLS GIRL AND THEN SELF

Tragedy in Washington is Due to Childish Desire to "Get Even."

PORTLAND, Sept. 12 (AP)—A 14-year-old boy, who emptied his pistol into the body of a suspected robber before he fell from a wound in the abdomen, was in a hospital here today. The suspect, wanted for robbing a pool hall of \$5, died at once as each of the six bullets found a mark.

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The suspect, quick to take advantage of the slip, whipped a pistol from a concealed holster and shot Brown in the abdomen. Brown pulled his own weapon, he said, and emptied it before the man fell to the ground.

Small Daughter Is Called Beyond

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Eastern Oregon Grid Teams Being Whipped Into Shape For Title Race

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Witnesses Say Mrs. Pantages Was Not Drunk

Defense Guns Trained on Damaging Evidence Which State Presented During Week.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12 (AP)—Defense guns were trained today on damaging evidence which the state, during six days and a half of testimony, had marshalled against Mrs. Lois Pantages, on trial in superior court charged with murder in the second degree.

The state has contended that the wife of Alexander Pantages, theater magnate, was intoxicated when her automobile collided with a car driven by Juro Rokumoto last June. Rokumoto, several days after the accident, died. The defense, when it took over the case yesterday, already had indicated that its chief point would be that an intervening operation might have caused the death of the Japanese. Physicians appearing as state witnesses, have testified under cross examination that the operation performed upon Rokumoto was not an emergency one.

Max Steiner of New York and W. I. Gilbert and Joseph Ford of Los Angeles, defense counsel, placed their first four major witnesses on the stand yesterday to contest the state charges. State witnesses uniformly had testified they believed Mrs. Pantages to have been intoxicated at the time of the crash.

John Contorno, operator of a service station at Sycamore avenue and N. Main street, called for the crash, departed wholly from previously given testimony, and related that Mrs. Pantages' automobile was forced to the left side of the road.

Deputy Sheriff Shoots Suspect Despite Wound

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Baker, La Grande and Pendleton all have splendid material, early reports declare, but all three have new coaches and new systems and how to pick a winner from the three before sending them in action is another thing again.

Kramer Driving Backwards Over at Pendleton Fritz Kramer, who succeeded Bob Quinn, now coach of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, is driving his protégés at a break-neck pace, judging from

TARIFF RATE CONFERENCE IS PROPOSED

Great Britain and France Take Joint Step Toward Lower Barriers.

REQUESTS MADE OF ALL POWERS

Other Nations Asked to Refrain From Creating New Tariff Laws For Two Years.

GENEVA, Sept. 13 (AP)—Great Britain and France today took a joint step to bring about a world conference on lowering tariff barriers. This move was made in the spirit developed by comments of European statesmen while discussing last week Premier Briand's project for a "United States of Europe."

The delegations of the two nations recommended in the economic committee of the League of Nations that negotiations be begun between members of the league, and non-members as well, to promote a meeting at the earliest possible date.

The purpose of the meeting would be to frame "the first collective agreement for diminishing hindrances to trade and developing and facilitating economic relations by all practicable means."

The resolution of England and France also called on the states of the world not to increase their protective tariffs above the present level for a period of two years, or to impose new prohibitive duties or create new impediments to trade during this period.

SENATE IN TARIFF BATTLE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13 (AP)—Preliminary skirmishing today, the senate today was well engaged in its long awaited tariff battle.

The administrative provisions of the tariff bill, which was passed by the house last night, were the subject of a long and heated debate today.

FIELD SCHOOL IN PENDLETON IS ABANDONED

PENDLETON, Sept. 12—Field school, the oldest school in the Pendleton school system, is being abandoned and the pupils, some sixty in number, are being transferred to the Hawthorne, Langdon and Washington schools.

Mostly improvements would have to be made in order to bring the ancient frame building up to the standard of the other schools, and the Pendleton school administration has felt that the cheapest, and at the same time the most practical step to take, would be to transfer the pupils of the school.

To Organize New P.-T. Association

With the opening of this modern school at the Eastern Oregon Normal as a new unit of the city school system, many requests have been made for the organization of a parent-teacher association here. In line with this, the following call for an organization meeting is today being sent home by the children to their parents:

"A meeting will be held at the Eastern Oregon Normal school in the auditorium Monday evening, Sept. 16, 1929, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a parent-teacher association of that institution. The object of this association is to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training and education of the children of this community."

Airmail Pilot Is Killed In Crash

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 12 (AP)—The airmail plane from New York to Atlanta crashed into a radio tower at Fort McPherson early today in a fatal injury to the pilot, Sgt. Meloy, of Columbus, Miss. He died at the Fort McPherson hospital where he had been taken by soldiers who pulled him from the wreckage of the plane.

VEXES HOOVER



Suit filed by William H. Smecher, above, seeking to collect \$250,000 from shipbuilding interests in this country for services tending to prevent world limitation of armament, caused President Hoover to denounce these activities. Congress will investigate propaganda activities of shipbuilding interests, next week.

Wheat Crops In Oregon Turning Out Much Better

Exceeding Earlier Estimates, Reports Show—Fair Potato Yield is Anticipated.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13 (AP)—In Oregon the regular September report of the Oregon cooperative crop reporting service indicates that the oats and spring wheat crops are turning out much better than previous reports indicated. This is particularly true of oats, the September first estimate being over two and a quarter million bushels more than the last previous estimate as of August first. Oregon wheat production is now placed at 3,040,000 compared to 2,230,000 bushels last year and the average of 4,529,000 bushels.

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PURCHASE MINES ABOVE SUMPTER

Crown Point Company of Canada to Erect Hundred Ton Mill.

BAKER, Ore., Sept. 13—The Crown Point Mines Ltd., which was recently incorporated, has purchased the Crown Point mine 1 1/2 miles above Sumpter from W. H. W. Hamilton, thus consummating the largest mining deal to be transacted in Baker county in several years. J. A. Naud, of Montreal, vice president and managing director of the company, has announced that the mine was not made available by Mr. Naud, but it is understood that Mr. Hamilton and others received cash and a substantial interest in the property.

The property is composed of 13 claims and five mill sites, totaling 235 acres of ground, part of which is covered by a fine stand of timber. Five claims comprised the original holdings, but representatives of the new company have purchased and purchased eight additional claims within the last few weeks. Mr. Naud said there is an especially fine place for a mill site. The company expects to erect a mill of at least 100 tons daily capacity after a sufficient amount of development work has been done. The mill will be erected possibly during the winter to be in operation in about 30 days. The company will repair the road from the mine four miles down Silver creek towards Sumpter.

A camp for 30 people, including a cook house, office, store room, blacksmith shop and air compressor room, will be erected. All of the buildings will be heated by electricity to eliminate the danger of fire.

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Six hundred acres of timber were destroyed by a fire in the Horton district near Eugene. In the Siskiyou forest 2,600 acres has been burned over.

A new outbreak south of Eugene, in the Cottage Grove section, was said to be threatening great stands of government timber. Calls for additional men to fight this fire were made by fire wardens.

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The ships will be replaced by destroyers now in decommissioned status at Philadelphia and San Diego.

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Table with 2 columns: League Name and Standings. Includes National League and American League.