

WATER BREAK REPAIRED BY CITY CREWS

Deep Wells Save La Grande From Serious Shortage of Water.

PIPELINE SNAPS IN ROCK CANYON
Repairs Made by 4 p. m. Friday Afternoon—Conditions Normal at 8 a. m. Today.

La Grande's two deep artesian wells saved the city from a serious water shortage yesterday, but in spite of the fact that the wells were furnishing their capacity for a period of 24 hours, an additional 100,000 gallons were drained from the Old Town reservoir.

About 7 o'clock Thursday night the Beaver Creek pipeline went out, and from then on until 8 o'clock last night La Grande had to rely entirely upon its wells and upon the water stored as a surplus in the Old Town bowl—approximately 1,500,000 gallons, about enough to keep the city going two-thirds of a day without other sources of supply functioning.

If La Grande had been relying entirely upon her gravity system, as she was forced to do before the artesian wells were drilled, the city would have been without water at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, city officials say.

If the break in the pipeline had been so serious as to require several days to repair, the city would have been entirely dependent upon the water from the two wells after the surplus in the reservoir had been used up. This would have been insufficient for ordinary use, and water rations would have been necessary in order to have any pressure for fire fighting.

City officials today stated that the conditions that existed yesterday supported their judgment in making arrangements for the drilling of a third deep well during the coming few months. A third well, coupled with the output of the two present wells, would give La Grande a normal supply of water, and allow the surplus in the reservoir even in times of shortage from the Beaver Creek source, it is believed.

As soon as daylight came yesterday, city officials started on a search for the break in the Beaver Creek pipeline. Superintendent Horace Knapp walking the line. He found the break about 9:30 o'clock in Rock Canyon, where high pressure had split the steel out sideways. He called to City Manager W. C. Crews who immediately dispatched a crew of men equipped with necessary tools, couplings, etc. They arrived in Rock Canyon about 1 o'clock and by 4 p. m. the break had been repaired. By 8:15 p. m. Friday water was again flowing into the Old Town reservoir and at 9 o'clock this morning, conditions were normal.

Use 2,125,000 Gallons.
During the 25 hours and 15 minutes from the time of the break in the pipeline to the resuming of the flow, the city used 2,125,000 gallons of water. Of that amount 2,020,000 was supplied by the two wells and 105,000 from the surplus in the reservoir. During the same period there is heavier, around 3,000,000 gallons are used daily.

As it happened, due to prompt repair of the pipeline, the employing of the capacity of the two wells, and the fact that a large surplus existed in the Old Town reservoir, La Grande hardly knew there had been a break in the water system.

M. E. HUFFMAN GRADUATES AT GREELEY, COLO.

176 Masons Are Entertained On Way to Tacoma

La Grande Chapter Takes Visitors for Ride Through City—Short Concert Held.

One hundred seventy-six members of the Royal Arch Masons, en route to Tacoma for the Triennial General Grand Chapter, were entertained for about an hour and a half in La Grande last night by the membership of the local chapter, while the special train stopped in this city.

Practically the complete membership of the chapter was at the station when the train pulled in at 7:40 p. m. and local Masons welcomed the visitors and took them for a short ride through town, showing them points of interest. Following this they were taken to the La Grande hotel where the municipal band played four or five of its best concert numbers. H. E. Dixon, past high priest of the local chapter, explained how the band was supported and told something of its accomplishments.

Cochran Joins Train
When the train left here for Tacoma it was accompanied by H. E. Dixon, past high priest of Oregon, who will attend the grand chapter meeting.

The meeting held more than usual significance for the La Grande Masons, and today he is still thoroughly enjoying memories of his contact last night with some "home folks." He was at the station, welcomed one of the men and he could take a ride on a ride about the city. Circuit Judge and Mrs. Falkenheimer, of St. Louis, Mo., signaled to Dr. and Mrs. Carson, also of St. Louis, and they entered the Humphreys car. Mr. Humphreys made some remark that he also was from Missouri, and Mrs. Carson asked from what part. "Fulton," was the reply. "Fulton" is the name of the town where H. E. Dixon was born, and he responded the judge. "I am Betty King," she said, and the rest of the evening was spent exchanging stories of the old days and of old friends of both.

La Grande's welcome made a deep impression on the visitors. Since leaving Denver, they said, they found an increasing hospitality. "In Colorado we are people in 20 to advertise their state," Mrs. Falkenheimer said. "We're not trying to advertise our state," Judge Humphreys replied, "we're trying to show you a good time."

Oil Test Block On Spruce; Work Finished Friday
The test block of oiling, authorized 10 days ago in response to a request from north side residents that their streets be oiled, has been completed. City Manager W. C. Crews announced this morning that a block on spruce, between V and X, was oiled yesterday, after it had been graded and put into condition for the surfacing.

Damaging Fires In Lewiston District
LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 23 (AP)—Two fires which started in wheat fields in this region yesterday caused at least \$26,000 damage, and one of them was still burning out of control in timber at midnight last night.

Mrs. Kinzel Three Up At End of 18
A ladder tournament and a ball sweepstakes medal play are scheduled for Friday at the country club golf course.

Wallowa Lambs Top Omaha Market
WALLOWA, Ore., Aug. 23—Despite severe cuts which were more due to a desire of the buyers to get cheap lambs than to any fault of the product shipped from here, in the opinion of A. W. Johnson who accompanied the shipment, the Wallowa lambs sent to Omaha last week topped the market there on arrival. It was a hard trip and the lambs looked rather ragged on arrival but there was only one lost en route which is rather unusual for such a long shipment.

DRIVE AIMED AT REDS IS CONTINUING

Eighteen Communists Executed by Defense Forces in Hankow.

130 ARRESTED IN NANKING TODAY
Reports From Hunan Province Say That Communists are Branding Chinese Converts.

HANKOW, Aug. 23 (AP)—Anti-communist defense forces today executed 18 convicted Reds. As they were shot down a huge crowd watched the gruesome spectacle.

HANKOW, Aug. 23 (AP)—Red hot iron brands, burning the sickle emblem of communism deep into the chest of Chinese converts to the cause, are reported being used in Hunan province to assure loyalty to the red flag.

Red leaders, the reports said, ordered wholesale branding to permanently mark converts to communism, thereby making it easy to recognize them if they deserted. Most of those branded, it was said, had been intimidated into joining the red cause.

Entire armies under suspicion were branded, the refugees who themselves were burned with the sickle brand, said. If the communist leaders doubted loyalty of the forces, they ordered the branding, it was said.

More Reds Arrested
NANKING, Aug. 23 (AP)—Accusing communists of seeking to undermine the government, soldiers today arrested 15 additional Reds in city-wide raids. Many communist "cells" were smashed and huge quantities of propaganda seized.

Mrs. Fox Wins Singles Title; Other Final Matches Tomorrow
Mrs. Fred S. Fox, of Union, won the singles championship of Eastern Oregon by defeating Louise Hutchinson, also of Union, in a hard-fought match, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, and Don Nelson, of La Grande, defeated Billy Neukirk, Seattle net star, will play against Worth Oswald for the men's singles title.

Rankin Brothers To Try It Again
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 23 (AP)—Repairs have been completed to the tail assembly of Tex Rankin's On-to-Oregon endurance plane, damaged Thursday when it crashed at the airport and provisions swept against the craft. A test flight will probably be made, to be followed at 3 p. m. today by a resumption of the Rankin brothers' attempt at a new refueling endurance record.

Infant Passes On At Hospital Today
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Wedder passed away early this morning at a local hospital. The funeral services will be held at the chapel of the Walker Funeral Home Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and burial will be in the Island City cemetery.

Air Races Find Old Grease And Coveralls Taboo

Modern Aviation, as Tenth Annual Event Opens, Turns Out Group of Snappy Dressers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23 (AP)—Modern aviation has tossed aside its greasy coveralls and become a business for snappy dressers.

This was emphasized at the opening of the tenth national air races at Curtiss airport today, when even the mechanics appeared in form-fitting breeches and berets. Some wore boutonnieres.

The fliers—especially the women fliers—also showed a penchant for heavy, rather expensive, and resplendent than the mechanics. Old-time aviators gazed upon this fashion show, shook their heads and recalled the days when being an aviator was less complex from the sartorial standpoint. Only a few years ago a man had been perfectly free to fly in overalls if he chose.

The Wright brothers had always done it, and Frank Hawks, cross-continent speedster, circling today by Lieut. Al Williams, navy racer, and the top-hole Overland ace, night flying and an anti-aircraft barrage, were reported to be in the Doan little in his "myster" Moth—all on the opening day.

Two men derby from Brownsville, Tex., after an overnight setting in East from scattered polling scheduled to finish at Glenview in late afternoon. John Livingston.

Heavy Balloting Reported Over State of Texas
DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 23 (AP)—Heavy balloting reported over the state today indicated a record vote would be brought out in the bitter run-off election scheduled for Tuesday.

Two Shot To Death During AVELLA MEET
AVELLA, Pa., Aug. 23 (AP)—Two men lay dead today while police of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia hunted for the slayer of a slain man, who held the state record for a record which last night ended a meeting commemorating execution three years ago of Sacco and Vanzetti.

Ill-Fated Balloon Expedition Within 475 Miles of North Pole
OSLO, Aug. 23 (AP)—Salmon-Augustee, Swedish balloonist, explorer who is 1897 tried to fly to the North Pole in a balloon, was believed here today to have reached a point less than 500 miles from his objective and to have been beating back to the inhabited world when death overtook him.

Wheat Today
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BARGES MAY OPERATE TO THE DALLES

Full Operation Expected by Mar. 1 if Tonnage is Supplied.

SHIPPERS MAKING PROMPT RESPONSE
Six Barges and Two Tugs Planned—Total Cost of Vessels Estimated at \$250,000.

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 23 (AP)—Adequate barge service between Portland and The Dalles, to be in full operation by March 1, 1931, provided 60,000 tons of freight annually, is in prospect following a meeting at The Dalles Friday night between business men and representatives of the Martin Shipyards, Inc., of Portland.

On top of this came word from Hood River that shippers there, promptly responding to the movement, had pledged Fred J. Rosenberg, of the Martin Shipyards, Inc., and H. Kipp, of the Columbia Valley association, the fullest co-operation in providing tonnage for the barges.

Under the tentative plans, there would be one tug of 500 horsepower and one of 300 horsepower. The total cost of both to be about \$110,000. Six barges would be constructed at a cost of \$140,000. The tugs would work together, pushing and towing from two to four barges on a trip.

Speakers pointed out that more than 250,000 tons of freight are taken annually from mid-Columbia cities. It is estimated that while 150,000 tons of this could be diverted to barges, only 100,000 tons need be assured for the success of the barge line.

As seen by Kipp and others behind the movement, institution of a barge line would hasten development of the Columbia River by the federal government, because congress would be more prone to help work already under way than to take the initiative in a river which was not being worked.

One of the tug and tug barges would be available for fruit shippers, Roseberg declared. Terminals would be established at Hood River and other mid-Columbia cities. The barge line would be leased or paid a flat rate for wharfage.

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The dead man was George Harkef, 35, and Stephen Mina, 40, both of Avella. Pietro Patrella, alias 'Petri', is sought as the slayer.

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BACK IN DERBY

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UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES GIVEN

Total of 2,508,151 Persons Without Work on the Second of April.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—A total of 2,508,151 able-bodied Americans, comprising two per cent of the country's total population were listed today by the census bureau as unemployed last April and looking for work.

The total was announced on the basis of preliminary returns from every section of the country. The bureau explained that six other classes of unemployed were not included in the present total, but added that those "without a job, able to work and looking for it" unquestionably constituted the bulk of those to be listed as unemployed.

Because tabulations have not been completed on the number of persons now gainfully employed, a definite comparison was not available. The bureau estimated, however, employed would approximate 40 per cent of the total population. It would bring the number idle to approximately five per cent of normally employed population.

By states, the percentage of job seekers ranged from 15 in South Dakota and Mississippi to 3.2 in Rhode Island and New Jersey and 3.3 in Michigan.

Other classes to be covered by the unemployment census include those having jobs and voluntarily idle, and vacationists and others drawing pay but not at work. The group laid off without pay was considered particularly important in coal mining districts where the bureau reported a disposition on the part of miners to report themselves laid off rather than jobless, even though they have done no work for a long period. Many of the same were believed to be in the same economic status as the job-seekers. A good portion also was expected to report as unemployed, particularly in periods for seasonal or other temporary reasons. Other classes were not considered important in consideration of the unemployment problem and will be included to avoid confusion.

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Tolan Flashes To Tape In 9.7; Conger Victor

Herman Brix Heaves 16-Pound Shot 52 Feet 5 1/4 Inches—Anderson Tops Sticks in 14.4.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 23 (AP)—Eddie Tolan, the "Midnight Express" from the University of Michigan, beat out his rival George Simpson of Ohio State in a 100-yard race, the 100-yard dash final in a stirring finish at the national amateur athletic union championships this afternoon.

Ray Conger of the Illinois A. C. with his famous "blow-up apron" in the final furlong, won the national mile running championship. Conger won by ten yards from Paul Rivers of Penn State college, with Rufus Kiser of the University of Washington third, and Gene Victor, Swedish-American A. C. New York, fourth. Conger, gauging his pace, paced the mile in 9.7 seconds, but in the final furlong, he made 100 yards in 14.4 seconds.

Tolan, holder of the world's record of 9.5 seconds, was clocked at 9.7 on a track somewhat damp from recent rain. He flashed into the tape a couple of feet ahead of Simpson when collaring him at the 60-yard mark. Simpson was five feet ahead of Russell Sweet of the San Francisco Olympic club who was third with Cy Cleveland of Texas Christian university, fourth. Hector Dyer of the Los Angeles A. C., and Charles Farmer of the University of North Carolina failed to place in the final.

Herman Brix of the Los Angeles A. C., set a new American record of 52 feet 5 1/4 inches in winning the 16-pound shotput, and Steve Anderson, the former University of Washington and Olympic star, equalled the world's record of 14.4 seconds in capturing the 100-yard high hurdles final. Both Brix and Anderson successfully defended titles won last year at Denver.

Dick Pomeroy of the Los Angeles A. C. succeeded Gordon Allott of the Denver A. C. as 440-yard hurdle champion, winning by ten yards from Clyde Blanchard, Rice institute, in 53.1 seconds. Art Holman of the Olympic club was third.

Eighteen-year-old McCluskey of South Manchester, Conn., and Fordham university scored a smashing victory in the two-mile steeplechase. The first race of its kind he ever had run. McCluskey, who holds the eastern intercollegiate freshman cross country title and the national A. A. U. indoor two-mile championship, won by 150 yards in 10 minutes 44.2 seconds.

Brix with his great heave, surpassed the official American record set by himself at Fresno, Cal., in 1929, at 51 feet, 11 1/2 inches and missed the world record by 10 inches. He held off Germany, by just an inch and a half.

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NO SPECIAL SESSION IS HELD LIKELY

Hoss and Luper Believe Legislative Meeting is Not Necessary.

OPINIONS FOLLOW KAY'S STATEMENT
Attitude of Governor on Question Unknown; Expected to State Position Tuesday.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 23 (AP)—A special session of the state legislature, became unnecessary today, in the opinion of both Secretary of State Hoss and State Engineer Luper, when Luper issued a statement that he would issue a statement for power development on Oregon streams until after the next regular session of the legislature.

Hoss stated emphatically that he was opposed to a special session, and State Treasurer Kay took a similar statement in a statement yesterday. The attitude of Governor Norblad on the question is not yet known. The governor said today that he expected to issue a statement next Tuesday.

A number of telegrams reaching the governor from Portland organizations, which urged him to call a special session if necessary for the purpose of legislation to block corporations from appropriating the waters of Oregon streams for power development.

Up to Engineer
The importance of Luper's statement, in the opinion of himself and Secretary Hoss, lies in the fact that whether the permits shall be issued or denied is entirely in the discretion of the engineer.

Members of the state reclamation commission, said Hoss, "are by the law, as reclamation removed from authority in this matter. The only way the board can come into the picture is by the engineer referring the power questions to us which he has the duty to do if he so chooses."

Luper's session, in which Hoss concurred, follows: "My attention has been called to public agitation for a regular session of the legislature to be convened for the purpose of withdrawing the waters of the state from appropriation."

"In my opinion such action would put the state to great expense and, in my opinion, is unnecessary. There are many applications for power development now pending, before the department. The withdrawal of the entire state has been turned to a consideration of the value of its water resources. This sentiment will probably crystallize and take definite form by the time the regular session of the legislature convenes in 1931. In the meantime, due to the magnitude of the applications and the number, and the state engineer's duty

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