

FOREST FIRE LOSS DURING YEAR \$11,182

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LOSSES HEAVIEST IN MAN-MADE FIRES

Unemployment is blamed for seven of 50 blazes reported in Union County during the past season.

Reviewing the Union county fire season during the 1931 season, L. C. Morehead, district warden, said today that merchantable timber estimated at 10,814,000 feet was killed during the summer, with property damage amounting to \$11,182.60.

The dry spring weather caused the fire season to begin nearly a month earlier than in ordinary years. Fire fighting was almost continuous from June until October and during this time 50 fires occurred on state patrolled lands within the county, burning 2266 acres of timberland, his report shows.

Lightning caused three fires, burning over five and three-quarters acres and causing \$23 damage.

Seven fires were regarded as of an incendiary nature, burning over 1976 acres and causing \$10,476 damage.

Campers' fires burned over two and a half acres but caused no damage. Smokers are blamed for 29 fires, burning over 234 acres and causing \$591.20 damage.

Logging is blamed for three more blazes, that caused \$86.40 damages and burned over 4 1/2 acres.

Two fires, burning over five and three-quarters acres, are listed as miscellaneous, with loss at \$4.00.

The unemployment situation is blamed for the unusually large number of incendiary fires, according to Mr. Morehead.

"Five hundred twelve men were employed for fire fighting during the season," he said. "The large majority of these men received less than two days wages. It seems that this would not be much inducement for anyone to set a fire on the strength of getting a job."

Eight thousand six hundred and forty acres of slashings was burned during October and the fore part of November, and Mr. Morehead believes this will do a great deal toward eliminating bad fires in the future.

The largest fire during the past season was the Catherine creek blazes which burned approximately 1800 acres, practically all in slashings or on cut-over land.

BIRD FEEDING PROBLEM AGAIN BEFORE PEOPLE

With the falling of additional snow, sportsmen and bird-lovers are turning their attention again to the problem of feeding birds during the winter, when it is difficult for the feathered tribe to gather food in the customary manner.

One local sportsman called attention today to the fact that in some sections of the country, where the fields are covered with snow, game birds are in need of food.

In the cities, many people already are putting out crumbs for birds, and several local bird-lovers unite in urging that others adopt this kindly practice.

Large Crowd Will View "The Rivals"

General enthusiasm has been accompanying the revival of the old English drama in La Grande, and tickets for "The Rivals" are selling well, reports Dallas Norton, business manager of the production. The curtain will go up on "The Rivals" tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Eastern Oregon Normal school just as it has gone up on the production hundreds of times since it was first produced about 1775 in Covent Garden, London.

Richard Brimley Sheridan wrote "The Rivals" as a satire of his time, the 18th century in England, but the social satire is so far reaching, profound and universal that it has enjoyed popularity in every generation. Under the direction of Miss Amanda Zabel the cast has been rehearsing daily. The entire production will be in appropriate costumes. Tickets are still on reserve at Glass Drugs.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Friday; moderate temperature; gentle changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—33 above.
Minimum: 29 above.
Condition: cloudy, snowing.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 38, minimum 22 above.
Condition: cloudy, windy.
Range—15 degrees.

WEATHER DEC. 3, 1930
Maximum 40, minimum 30 above.
Condition: cloudy. Range—10 degrees.

Spring Avenue Sidewalk Asked By Petitioners

Movement Launched at Commission Meeting to Improve Narrow Section of Street; Some Donate Property.

LAUNCHING OF A DEFINITE MOVEMENT

aimed at widening of the narrow section of Spring avenue just before it opens onto Fourth street—near the First M. E. church—occurred at last night's city commission meeting. Property owners and others in the district united in a lengthy petition to the commissioners, asking that the city build sidewalks on both sides of Spring avenue to connect up with sidewalks already in place, and thus do away with the danger to pedestrians who are forced to walk in the street, and also give automobile traffic a greater measure of safety.

Parking space dangerous. Accompanying the petition was another asking that the city pass a resolution making it unlawful to park automobiles on that section of Spring avenue until widening measures have been taken, feeling that such a practice is dangerous.

With the petitions, were three offers—one signed by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Payne, one by Margaret Anson, and one by Mollie H. Trull. All three offered to give the city five feet of their property on the south side of Spring avenue, provided the city would put in a sidewalk there with no further cost to the property owners. This would at least partially solve the problem, it was said, giving pedestrians a chance to remain out of the narrow street, at least by following the south-side sidewalk.

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Russian Giant To Tackle Root Here on Dec. 8

A wrestling attraction which Ray McCarty, promoter, expects to fill the house has been scheduled for next Tuesday night, Dec. 8, at Eagles hall.

Count Harkovsky, 225-pound Russian grappler, is to meet Jack Root, 215-pounder of Denver, Colo. In the main event of the evening, Harkovsky, formerly of Petrograd, is said to have been on the czar's staff during the war for which he was killed from his country. He has been wrestling in the United States for several years and is on a San Francisco card tonight. He met Strangler Lewis in Frisco recently.

Root wrestled in La Grande several years ago and is well known in the Northwest. At present negotiations are under way to bring Root and Lewis together at Boise later this month.

In addition to the main event, McCarty is negotiating for a semi-final event of 30 minutes duration in which Clark Dunlap, 152, Pendleton, would meet George Gale, 155, of Baker.

25 Cagers Turn Out For E. O. N. Team This Year

With a squad of 25 men working out each evening between 3:30 and 5:30 o'clock at the L. D. S. Recreational hall, Coach Bob Quinn is endeavoring to whip a basketball team into shape before an opening practice game here next Wednesday night with the Pendleton Independents.

Lots of scrimmages work is on the schedule, as only two lettermen answered the call—McCaff and Baxter, both forwards—and the Mountaineer quintet will be a more or less green team, at least until enough games have been played to get the cagers into mid-season form.

It is difficult at this stage of the game to determine much as to the

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Eagles To Hold District Meeting

A commission on stabilization of employment has been organized by the national series of the Eagles' lodge to study causes of unemployment, and D. D. Hall, prominent Portland attorney and state president of the Eagles, will discuss this question, and also the old age pension for the benefit of the public on Dec. 10 at the Eagles hall.

Plans for the entertainment of the visitor will be made when the Eagles meet tonight at 7:30 at the hall. A district convention is planned for the afternoon with delegates from Pendleton, Baker and La Grande, and the women of the auxiliary are planning a benefit chicken dinner to be served in the evening, prior to Mr. Hall's address.

Highway Widening Will Be Decided

PORTLAND, Dec. 3 (AP)—At a conference to be held soon either in Salem or at Woodburn, the state highway commission will decide the type of widening the Pacific highway between Salem and Oregon City. This was agreed at a meeting of the commission here today. Meanwhile the commission will hear reports of its engineers and representatives of communities between Salem and Oregon City.

LEGALITY OF ALABAMA VOTE IS QUESTIONED

Senate Elections Sub-Committee Meets Briefly in Capital Today

BANKHEAD, HEFLIN MEET AT HEARING

Widespread Violation of Election Laws and Indications of Fraud Charged by Chairman Hastings.

By Nathan Robertson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Legality of the election of John H. Bankhead as Democratic senator from Alabama was questioned today in a report to a senate elections sub-committee by Chairman Hastings, citing widespread violation of election laws and indications of fraud.

The committee which was set up to consider the contest brought against Bankhead's election by his defeated opponent, former Senator Hefflin, adjourned without action to await the arrival of one of its members, Senator Bratton, Democrat, New Mexico.

Hastings called another meeting for tomorrow afternoon and said he wanted to hear arguments from opposing counsel on evidence that Bankhead spent \$1,131.58 in campaign expenditures through a state law set a limitation of \$10,000.

Bankhead, Hefflin Meet

Bankhead and Hefflin were seated across from each other at the committee table as Hastings, a Delaware Republican, submitted that there were violations of law in every voting place in Alabama during the 1930 election.

Bankhead later commented "no fair-minded man in Alabama, regardless of whom he voted for, charges any fraud in that election."

To Hefflin the report was "fine." He issued this statement:

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MISS M'ALPINE PLEASES CROWD

Impersonator Presents Enjoyable Program at Methodist Church Wednesday

Miss Jennie McAlpine, who has pleased audiences in the east and in Europe for a number of years, gained the approval of a fair-sized audience of La Grander last night when she appeared in a program at the Methodist church. She presented a number of impersonations, humorous readings and dramatic pieces under the auspices of the church.

Miss Helen Williams who accompanied Miss McAlpine as well as the local artists, was partly responsible for the success which Miss McAlpine enjoyed, through her excellent renditions on both the piano and the organ.

Local Talent Enjoyed

The readings were interspersed by musical numbers by local artists.

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Legion Donates \$10 Monthly To Keep City Band

The American Legion last night was on the job as donating \$10 a month to help in maintaining the La Grande band until another budget year, and Hugh Brady was appointed a committeeman from the legion to meet with representatives of other organizations to plan a movement for raising funds for the band. This action was taken at a meeting of the legion held last night at 8 o'clock at the Sackajaw Inn. The legion is a strong supporter of the band and is among the first organizations to donate money toward its continuance.

Norman Deslett was presented with a past commander's badge by Fred E. Kiddie, who made an interesting talk, to which Mr. Deslett responded. Two hours of dancing, for which the men were joined by the auxiliary members, was enjoyed following the meeting. John Garity was chairman of the entertainment. Music was furnished by Lindsay's orchestra.

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Pierce Tells What He Would Do If He Were Dictator of Oregon

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 3 (Special)—"What would I do if I were dictator of Oregon?" asked Walter M. Pierce, former governor, of a crowded luncheon meeting of the chamber of commerce, Kiwanis and Lions at the Hotel Baker Wednesday noon. "Well, I tell you a few things I would do" and he did. They were:

"Cut all the higher salaries in the state government."

"Reorganize the highway commission on the basis of three full time commissioners at moderate salaries who would have time to travel about the state and keep in close touch with things as your fellow townsmen, the late William Duby, did."

"Reorganize the board of higher education in the same manner with three members."

"Cut state taxes further, not merely shift them onto the counties as the present administration has done in some instances, which is mere

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Investigation Of Farm Board Will Be Asked

Norris, Nebraska, Drafting Resolution for Introduction At Sessions Opening Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Investigation of the federal farm board will be proposed in the senate by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska.

Norris today drafted a resolution for introduction next week calling for thorough inquiry by the agriculture committee. He would go into every phase of the board's two years operations, with particular emphasis on the loans and stabilization activities. "I am not doing this in a critical sense," stated the Nebraskan, member of agriculture committee, "but a lot of things developed at the recent hearings of the board that ought to be gone into."

Norris also announced he would propose an inquiry into the administration by the bureau of internal revenue of the tax laws applying to farmers co-operative organizations. He said the bureau has not been allowing tax exemptions to the co-operatives intended to be given them by congress.

STONE NOT IN OPPOSITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Almost simultaneous with word that an investigation of the farm board would be sought of congress, Chairman Stone of the board made known today that he would not actively oppose adoption by congress of the equalization fee or the debenture plan.

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Cold Wave Ends; Temperature In Oregon Higher

PORTLAND, Dec. 3 (AP)—Generally higher temperatures prevailed in Western Oregon today. A silver thaw in Portland was narrowly averted by warmer weather. Nearly a half inch of rain fell here last night and this morning. The minimum temperature was 33 degrees.

Sleet, snow and rain were reported in the Columbia Gorge by the airways weather bureau. At Crown Point there was sleet, at Cascade Locks, snow; at Hood River, rain and snow.

Rain was the order along the coast anyway, falling generally between Portland and Seaside, and occasionally between Portland and Medford. Airmail operations through the gorge continued to be hit. Last night's east bound plane which was held here by weather, tried to go through the gorge this morning but was turned back by snow, rain and fog. Last night's southbound plane, also held here, got out today for Medford.

WARMER IN LA GRANDE

With the mercury well above freezing point most of yesterday it appeared that the recent cold wave had departed from Eastern Oregon as well as from the western portion of the state. Wednesday's maximum here was 38 above and the minimum last night was 29 above. About an inch of snow fell here between 8 and 10 o'clock this morning.

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 3 (AP)—With a rising wind, the minimum temperature of 22 degrees, a new snow storm swept over the mid-Columbia country today, adding an inch and a half to yesterday's fall and bringing the total depth to 5 1/2 inches. All roads were open.

The Rod and Gun club here is forwarding grain to the outlying districts to feed livestock. Police have closed steep streets here so children can coast safely.

Eunice Pringle Settles For \$3000

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3 (AP)—Making a surprise appearance in superior court, Eunice Pringle settled for \$3,000 today the million dollar damage suit she had filed against Alexander Pantages, theatrical magnate, for an alleged criminal attack.

Miss Pringle was accompanied in court by her mother and father. Before Superior Judge Marshall P. McComb, her attorneys announced they had stipulated to the settlement and a similar announcement was made by attorneys for Pantages.

Walker Leaves But Discussion Rages

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 (AP)—En route to Santa Barbara, where he will spend several days soaking up sunshine, Mayor James J. Walker, of New York, left behind him today a controversy which resulted from his plea for a pardon for Tom Mooney, convicted of bombing the San Francisco Preparedness day parade in 1925.

The discussion centered about the letter signed by Mooney's prosecutor, former District Attorney Charles M. Fickert.

In Los Angeles Fickert issued a statement in which he termed the wording of the letter "unfortunate" and said he has not changed his opinion that Mooney is guilty of the crime of which he was convicted.

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JAPAN STANDS FIRMLY FOR EVACUATION

Counter Proposals to League of Nations' Manchurian Peace Plan Forwarded

COUNCIL WAITING FOR JAPAN'S NOTE

In the Meantime, War Breaks Out in a New Front With Rebellion in Progress Now in San Salvador.

TOKYO, Dec. 3 (AP)—Foreign Minister Baron Shidehara today completed the draft of Japan's counter proposals to the league of nations' council's Manchurian peace plan and new instructions to Ambassador Yoshizawa will probably be dispatched to Paris late tonight.

The counter-proposals are understood to meet points in the league's plan which are unacceptable as they stand, to the Tokyo government. Japan is standing firmly upon its demand that the Chinese military forces must entirely evacuate Manchuria if a neutral zone at Chinchow is to be realized. The solemn engagement of the Tokyo government to observe the neutrality of this area, except where banditry may require repressive measures, is held to be a sufficient guarantee, while a neutral control, it is held, could not be accepted by Japan.

PEACE NOT NEAR YET

PARIS, Dec. 3 (AP)—Press reports from Tokyo that the Japanese government had sent instructions to its league of nations representative objecting to certain features of the league's plan to settle the Manchurian dispute today led diplomatic quarters to believe the trouble in the east still is far from peaceful settlement.

The council, however, still was waiting for Japan's new note and there was no meeting today.

WAR ON NEW FRONT

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3 (AP)—Radio messages received today by the Mexican Aviation company said the republic of San Salvador was in a state of rebellion and that there had been shooting in the streets of the capital.

The message said President Araujo of Salvador had asked that no airplanes be sent over the regular mail run to the capital for the present.

There were street fights throughout the city of San Salvador and guns were brought into play in several instances.

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ANNA FARRELL AT LIBERTY; PUTS UP \$1500

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 3 (AP)—Anna Farrell, 22, was at liberty on \$1500 bond today under order of United States District Judge Tillman D. Johnson for her removal to Tacoma, Wash., to face a charge of kidnapping a prisoner to escape from the McNeil Island federal prison.

The young woman surrendered here Tuesday and informed officers she was wanted on an indictment returned there June 25, 1930. She is charged with having rowed to the island the night of January 26, 1930, and picked up C. E. "Pete" Kingsley, serving a term for violation of the Mann act.

Kingsley was captured later and taken to Leavenworth prison to serve the remainder of his sentence.

Cougars Arrive In New Orleans Today

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3 (AP)—Three dozen of the huskiest football players ever to invade the south swung into New Orleans today to carry the challenge of Washington State against an undefeated Tulane eleven Saturday.

After traveling four days from a 2700 foot elevation and sub-zero temperatures in the far northwest, they reached New Orleans and a sea-level, shedding great-coats as their train pulled in on a warm day, heavy with fog.

"But we have no alibis," said Head Coach O. E. Hollingbery. "The boys stood the long trip well and had plenty of time to relax. We got a good workout at St. Louis yesterday and will get in another here this afternoon. That's all we'll need."

Bernie Bierman, who has predicted Washington State might upset Tulane Saturday, turned over the Green Wave's stadium to the Cougars from 2 to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

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A REGULAR



Eileen Moreney's right to a R. O. T. C. uniform isn't honorary. She is a regular member of the 21-piece band at Oregon State college.

FOREIGN WHEAT TARIFF ASKED

British Millers Suggest Nine Cent a Bushel Rate on Unsold Foreign Grain

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP)—A general tariff against foreign wheat of about nine cents a bushel, at the present rate of British exchange, the Daily Express said today, has been proposed by British millers.

The millers also proposed, the Express said, that a similar duty be imposed on unsold foreign wheat stored in Great Britain, particularly thousands of tons of Soviet grain lying in port elevators.

The suggestions were made to Sir John Simon, minister of agriculture, who is working over the task of applying to the products of British farmers the effects of the new tariff policy recently announced by the national government as a protection against so-called "dumping" of foreign-made goods in Great Britain.

In line with proposals for general tariff preferences for the dominions within the empire, the millers suggested, the Express said, that the wheat tariff against importations from dominions should be fixed at half the general rate on that of other countries.

The rate suggested was four shillings a quarter on foreign wheat, which would be about nine cents a bushel.

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FRANK HAWKS ILL AT YREKA; REST ORDERED

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 3 (AP)—Captain Frank Hawks, aviator, rested in an inn here today recovering from the effects of the poisonous carbon monoxide gas fumes which forced him to abandon an attempt to set speed record between Canada and Mexico Tuesday. His physician, Dr. Victor Hart, said he had ordered the flier to rest "at least a week," since his condition was more serious than at first diagnosed.

It was revealed that Hawks had suffered from exposure Monday while flying to Mount Rainier, Wash., and as a result of that and the carbon monoxide poisoning his condition had been complicated. During the Monday flight the oil line of the plane's motor froze, cutting off the cabin heat. When he started his flight from Vancouver, B. C., Tuesday the cabin heater was opened to prevent a recurrence of the trouble and this allowed carbon monoxide fumes to enter the cabin.

Two Bank Robbers Get 10-Year Terms

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 3 (AP)—Hermie Nordstrom and Robert Bradley, who admitted robbing the Bonanza bank Nov. 12, were today sentenced to 10 year terms in the state penitentiary.

They implicated George Wolfe, 57, a logger, and Wolfe was ordered bound over to the grand jury.

Wheat Today

PORTLAND, Dec. 3 (AP)—Market for wheat showed little net change for the day. On the Portland futures market, December was unchanged at the close while May was up 1/4 c. There were no sales during the session. Cash wheat was stationary on the merchants exchange.

Leavitt's Trial Again Postponed

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 3 (AP)—The trial of Cornelius Van Ness Leavitt, brother-in-law of President Hoover, on charges of possession of a sack containing 19 pints of liquor, was delayed again today, this time by the inability of two of the arresting officers to appear. Police Judge C. A. Spencer set the case for tomorrow at 10 a. m.

The officers, the court was informed, are appearing in a case at Riverside, Cal.

Hoover Pleads For Sound Plan Of Home-Buying

President Addresses Thousand Delegates Last Night At Conference in Washington, D. C.

NORRIS, BORAH NOT TO VOTE FOR MR. MOSES

Republican Independents In Senate Defy Threats of Retaliation Today

IDAHO SENATOR TO FAVOR OREGONIAN

Borah to Cast Vote for McNary—Administration Leaders Fear an Intra-Party Battle.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—A command to heed the fundamentals of human sentiment was thrown by President Hoover last night across the path of technical endeavor for better housing of the nation's families.

"They never sing songs about a pile of rent receipts. . . . These immortal ballads, 'Home Sweet Home,' 'My Old Kentucky Home,' and 'The Little Grey Home in the West,' were not written about tenements or apartments."

So Mr. Hoover gave the keynote to the thousand delegates he welcomed to the conference of home building and ownership. They settled today to work on more than 30 reports of experts which have been in preparation during the past year.

Like Buying Car

The essential of the Hoover design for the conference was the purchase of a home for his family shall be made possible to the average man.

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Artist's Model Admits Slashing Throat of Man

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 (AP)—Augusta Ball Johnson, 25, attractive artist's model, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon today on the basis of her confession, police said, that she slashed the throat of Robert A. Lockwood, prominent Los Angeles architectural artist, in his Telegraph Hill studio here. Authorities said she admitted cutting the artist with a warmed razor blade because he led to her.

Lockwood, who is recovering in a hospital, told authorities he had attempted suicide and when confronted with the girl's asserted confession said he would not prosecute her.

The girl, who said she has a husband, Lloyd Johnson and two children at Culver City, Cal., told police she had been intending to kill Lockwood for three days. She said she warned the razor blade so the "operation" would be less painful.

She was brought here from Redwood City, where she had been taken from Burlingame. She had walked there following the cutting and a motorist who had assisted her turned her over to authorities because she "acted queerly." She told police she had intended to walk to Los Angeles.

Elbert Lockwood, brother of the artist, said that Mrs. Johnson was "in love with Bob, but he is devoted to his wife, who is ill in a sanitarium at Monrovia."

At the hospital Lockwood said the model was just a friend who was out of work and that he had tried to aid her.

In his studio she left a note before starting her journey away to Los Angeles. It read in part: "May I help you to happiness and the peace of mind which is essential. . . . Loving you as I do, I only hope that my last act will be of service to you—relieving you of your problems."

Boy's Experiment With Death Fatal

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3 (AP)—An "experiment with death" ended fatally for Francis Lamb, 14-year-old high school student. His body was discovered last night hanging by a strap from a rafter in the garage at the rear of his home.

Friends of the youth told police, they reported, that Francis had often expressed a curiosity about "the sensations of death," and expressed the theory that his death came about through an experiment with hanging.

Mrs. Ada Eyl, an aunt with whom Francis resided, said the boy apparently was in a happy frame of mind when he came home from school yesterday.