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## NO FURTHER PROGRESS IN MURDER CASE

Inquest Held Here Saturday—E. L. Smith's Body Sent to Yakima, Wash.

## TRANSIENTS HELD IN COUNTY JAIL

Alleged Chum of "Shorty" is Prisoner; Questioning of Man Not So Successful, However.

With the coroner's inquest completed, the body of E. L. Smith, Union Pacific railroad detective, sent to Yakima for burial today, and several transients held in the county jail here as material witnesses, officers were still looking for a transient known only as "Shorty," who is believed to be the man who killed E. L. Smith Thursday night near Hilgard, Ore.

Officers throughout the state were searching for "Shorty," who escaped from a group of transients near Pendleton Friday, later discarding a blood-stained sweater and a visor. Until his apprehension, District Attorney Carl Heim believes the case is just about at a standstill.

Four of the transients probably will be detained here for some time, including one who refused to give his name and who is believed to be a chum of "Shorty." Questioning of this man was so successful, although other transients said he was seen with "Shorty" frequently. Some of the transients held here heard the shots and were very near the shooting, although they could not see very well because of the darkness. They heard two shots from a large gun, leading officials to believe that Mr. Smith's .45 caliber automatic was fired at least twice during the fatal battle.

Inquest Not Lengthy  
The coroner's inquest held at the (Continued on Page Four)

## ASK JOBLESS TO GATHER AT TUESDAY MEET

For the purpose of explaining the relief movement and securing the cooperation of the unemployed of La Grande and Union county, the board of directors of the Union County Labor Exchange has called a meeting of the unemployed to be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the city hall. Union county's jobless are urged to attend the meeting and to cooperate with the plan which has already furnished labor for a great number.

Members of the board of directors calling the meeting are Hiram T. Smith, chairman, Harry McKinlay, Henry Warmholtz, Angus McAllister and Ernest De Long.

## Arthur Hodge Wins Ball Sweepstakes

Arthur Hodge won the sweepstakes at the La Grande country club yesterday, landing a net score of 67, Bob Duncan, professional, announced today. W. L. Dolan was second with a net of 69, while Ken Siegrist placed third with a 71 net.

The driving and putting tournament scheduled for yesterday was postponed awaiting cooler weather.

## 918 Auto Licenses Issued By Sheriff

"Business is picking up" according to Sheriff Jesse Brenears, who announced this morning that 918 automobile licenses have been issued here for the coming fiscal year. After the first rush, license issuance suffered a severe slump but during the last few days it has been decidedly better.

The number of licenses issued for July 1, 1932 to July 1, 1933, is decidedly lower than those issued during the same period for last year, it is stated.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; normal temperature; gentle changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—89 above.  
Minimum: 60 above.  
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 97, minimum 58 above.  
Condition: Clear, thunder.  
Lightning: Range—39 degrees.

WEATHER AUG. 8, 1931  
Maximum 89, minimum 56 above.  
Condition: Partly cloudy.  
Range—33 degrees.

## Libby Reynolds Surrenders To Officers Today

Will Answer Charge of Murder—Torch Singer May Not Be Admitted to Bail.

WENTWORTH, N. C., Aug. 8 (AP)—Libby Holman Reynolds surrendered to North Carolina officers at 2:30 p. m. today to answer a charge of murder of her husband, Smith Reynolds.

Winston Salem, N. C., Aug. 8 (AP)—Benet Polkoff, attorney for Libby Holman Reynolds, said today she would surrender to North Carolina authorities at Wentworth, N. C., 50 miles from here, at 3 p. m. today.

Polkoff said the former torch singer would immediately appear before Judge A. M. Stack and seek her release on bail. She is under indictment in the fatal shooting of her young millionaire husband, Smith Reynolds, here a month ago.

Ab Walker, indicted jointly with Mrs. Reynolds was released Saturday under \$25,000 bond.

Polkoff is one of two Winston Salem attorneys retained by Alfred Holman, father of Mrs. Reynolds, to (Continued on Page Four)

## Oesterling And Miss McAllister Win Net Titles

By defeating their opponents in the final matches in the city tennis tournament, Robert Oesterling and Margaret McAllister were yesterday named as the La Grande tennis champions. Oesterling defeated Delph Siegrist 6-1, 6-1, and Miss McAllister defeated Mary Fries, youthful racket wielder, after three hard-fought tilts in which the scores were 6-4, 4-6 and 6-2.

George Anderson and R. Oesterling defeated Siegrist and Ben Oesterling, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, to win the men's doubles, while in the mixed doubles R. Oesterling and Bea McKinney defeated Everett Reynolds and Margaret McAllister 6-3, 7-5.

With the exception of a few proposed intercity matches, the tournament season for the summer is over, since the Eastern Oregon tournament has been abandoned.

## Dempsey Stops Here En Route To Portland, Ore.

Jack Dempsey came to La Grande late Sunday and left this morning before he was seen by any except the early risers, however, it was not as Jack Dempsey, the former heavyweight champion of the world, that he was known in this city but as Frank Jones, civilian, of Ogden, Utah.

Dempsey was accompanied by his manager and Jerry the Greek, fighter, both of whom also gave assumed names, and they are traveling from Utah to Portland where the most popular of all former champions is slated to swing into action attempting a comeback, Friday evening, Aug. 12.

While here he was registered at the Sommer hotel at Depot and Washington streets, and residents of the establishment who were playing cards in the lobby stated this morning that, although Dempsey and his companions went directly to their rooms rapidly with downcast eyes, they were able to recognize the former champion.

Word from fight fans in Portland (Continued on Page Four)

## Harvey Swart Dies In Spokane, Wash.

Harvey Swart, about 27, a former La Grande and the son of the late Harry Swart, one time dispatcher for the railroad here, died Saturday night at Spokane, and his body will arrive here Tuesday morning for burial. Funeral services will be held at the Catholic church at 10 a. m. tomorrow, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge.

Mr. Swart, who was a brother of Walter Swart of this city, was ill for about two weeks before his death.

He is survived also by his mother, of Spokane, and the following brothers and sisters, Roy, of Lostine; William, of Spokane; Mrs. H. R. Meredith, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Frank Woods, Gertrude and Ruth, all of Spokane.

## La Grande Radio Program Aug. 11

La Grande will be featured by the "Cadillac Scenic" Tours" program, sponsored by the Clark Cadillac company of Oregon and Washington. Over station KOIN, Portland, at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, Aug. 11, according to word received here today by H. C. Boone, secretary of the La Grande Chamber of Commerce.

The program will be largely descriptive of the scenic attractions in this vicinity, it is believed.

## ROY CHAPIN



Roy D. Chapin, above, soon is to become a new member of President Hoover's cabinet. When Secretary of Commerce Robert P. Lamont, of Illinois, resigned to look after his own business affairs, Chapin, a Detroit business man and automobile company executive, was immediately appointed.

## 34 VISIT BOYS CAMP AT RESORT

Water Carnival Feature of Sunday Afternoon at Wallowa Lake.

Thirty-four parents took advantage of visitors day at the Boys' camp at Wallowa Lake yesterday and spent the day attending the events sponsored by the boys who are enjoying a two weeks outing there. Rev. W. H. Hertzog, pastor of the First Methodist church of La Grande, presided at the sacred services at 11 o'clock in the morning, after which the boys and their visitors enjoyed a joint lunch.

A water carnival was the event of the afternoon. The boys left this morning for a two-day trip to Mirror lake at the foot of Eagle Cap.

Among the visitors were Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. David Meldrum, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram T. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Fries, Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Cooke, Mrs. Frank Rechin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fitzgerald.

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## Mrs. Alma Rohrig Dies at Tacoma

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)  
UNION, Ore., Aug. 8 (Special)—Mrs. Alma Rohrig, who died Friday night in Tacoma, will be buried in the Union cemetery Tuesday afternoon following funeral services at the Methodist church at Union commencing at 2:30 o'clock. The Order of Eastern Star will conduct the funeral.

Mrs. Rohrig was a pioneer resident of Union. Her husband, R. H. Rohrig, died about three years ago.

A son, Frank Chase, arrived last night from Oakland, Cal. Another son, H. F. Rohrig, his wife and daughter, Wythe, arrived last night from Tacoma.

Mrs. Rohrig's death was not unexpected.

## STUDENT PILOT KILLED

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 8 (AP)—William E. Kirsch, 20, a student pilot, died in a hospital here early today of injuries he received yesterday in the crash of a plane piloted by E. O. Kexell, of Provo, Utah. Kexell escaped with minor injuries.

## U. S. Divers Make Sweep

Search For Suspected Slayer of San Francisco School Girl, 14

## FOREST FIRE REPORTED IN BAKER AREA

Blaze in Whitman National Forest in Anthony Creek District.

## HOT WAVE SHOWS NO LET-UP HERE

Sunday's Maximum 97 Above in La Grande—Fires Burning in Western Oregon.

With temperatures still soaring over the state today, the forest fire situation was growing worse. Several big fires developed in Western Oregon over the weekend and reports received here said fire was burning over about a 100-acre tract in the Whitman national forest in Baker county. This fire is on Anthony creek, near North Powder. No fires of any consequence have occurred in Union county this season, although the fire hazard is growing worse.

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## Camp Fire Girls End Cove Outing Saturday, Aug. 6

The La Grande Camp Fire camp, held at the Ascension grounds of the Episcopal church at Cove came to an impressive close on Saturday with a roundup and council fire, at 7:30 in the evening. Assisting with the cooking on Saturday, the final day, were Mrs. Frederick Gehring, Mrs. L. L. Burnett, Mrs. Florence Smith, Mrs. Minnie Hodgins and Mrs. Fred Henning, while Mrs. Gehring's troop and the Normal school group formed the kitchen police.

The council fire opened when the girls were lined in front of their cottages, those in ceremonial gowns heading the procession and followed by others in middie and skirts and middie and gymnasium bloomers.

Mrs. Madeline Larson, at the unlighted council fire gave "Woblo," to which the girls responded with the chant. A big circle was formed around the fire and the fire lighting ceremony followed with three camp craft girls, Winifred Scott, Adelaide Zwellfel and Jane Williams, representing work, health and love, officiating.

The Camp Fire girls responded to roll call with their Indian names after which they sang "Burn, Fire." (Continued on Page Four)

## SWIM WEEK IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN AUG. 14

Nepht Combs and Elmo Stevenson gave a Red Cross exhibition at today's Lions club luncheon at the Sackajawa Inn, in announcing the coming swim week to begin Sunday, Aug. 14, at Crystal plunge. It will be sponsored jointly by the Red Cross and the Lions.

Hiram Smith gave an interesting talk, explaining the Union County Labor exchange plan.

## Principal Gralapp Returns to City

Completing arrangements for the opening of school in the fall will be the major activity of Arnold L. Gralapp, principal of the La Grande high school, for the remainder of the summer. Mr. Gralapp returned yesterday from Berkeley, Cal., where he spent the past six weeks working toward his master of arts degree.

## Galitzen Wins Olympic Games Championship

OLYMPIC SWIMMING STADIUM, Los Angeles, Aug. 8 (AP)—Mickey Riley Galitzen, who placed third in the 1928 games for United States, today won the spring board diving championship of the tenth Olympiad.

The United States took the first three places as Harold Smith, Mickey's team mate from the Los Angeles A. C., finished second, and Richard Degener, from the University of Michigan, was third.

Galitzen, a former national champion scored 161.38 points almost three more than Smith, who had 158.54. Degener's total was 151.82. Both Degener and Galitzen collected 18.48 points on their final 104 degrees each day. (Continued on Page Four)

## U. S. SPRINT STARS SCORE RELAY SWEEP

Century and Quarter-Mile Runners Chalk Up Record-Breaking Firsts.

## MARATHON IS WON BY JUAN ZABALA

Americans Win Track and Field Events of Olympic Games With 218 Points;—Finns Count 72.

By Alan Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor)  
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8 (AP)—To the swarthy black-haired son of the Argentine, Juan Carlos Zabala, winner of the classic Olympic marathon with a record-breaking performance, and to the sweeping triumphs of America's fast-stepping, high-flying boys and girls, go the chief honors of the Olympic track and field championships today.

While the forces of the United States were crowning their team triumph yesterday with amazing flashes of relay speed, adding four new world records to the dizzy whirl in the Olympic stadium, Zabala was plodding the city streets, wearing down his rivals with machine-like strides that carried him strongly to the finish in the new Olympic record time of 2 hours 31 minutes 36 seconds for the route of 26 miles, 385 yards.

Sensational Victory  
The sensational victory of the 20-year-old Argentine, whose swift pace broke the hearts of a half-dozen favorites carrying him home 200 yards ahead of Sam Parris, British veteran, with a Finlander, another Briton, two Japanese and an American next at the line of finish, capped the climax of eight days of athletic competition unparalleled in world history.

There is many an Olympic battle still to be fought along a rapidly widening front, with California's crew engaged in the defense of American (Continued from Page Four)

## PEAR CROP IN ROGUE VALLEY IS DAMAGED

MEDFORD, Aug. 8 (AP)—Damage to the Bartlett pear crops of the Rogue River valley, estimated at from eight to 20 per cent was caused late Saturday when a sudden wind and sand storm broke over the valley, stripping fruit from the trees. The wind reached a velocity of 34 miles an hour.

Orchardists spent Sunday gathering up fruit from beneath their trees. The highest estimates of losses were from the southwest part of the valley where it was said about a third of the crop was damaged. About 500 lug boxes of pears were picked up from one ten-acre tract of the district experiment station, with damage estimated at eight per cent.

George Alford, orchardist in the southeast section of the valley, picked up 200 D'Anjou from under one tree, and 125 pears from under a Bartlett tree.

## BOLIVIAN PLANE FORCED TO LAND

Paraguayans Capture Two Aviators—Hopes For Peace Are Setback.

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Aug. 8 (AP)—Reports from the Gran Chaco front today said Bolivian troops had recaptured the Paraguayan fort Carlos Antonio Lopez, about 100-miles west of where the Apa river empties into the Paraguay. This fort was first taken by the Bolivians on June 15 and was recaptured a month later by the Paraguayans.

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Aug. 8 (AP)—Prospects for peace in the dispute between Paraguay and Bolivia over the Gran Chaco appeared more remote today following the shooting down of a Bolivian airplane over the Paraguayan lines on the frontier.

The plane was shot down as it reconnoitered the Paraguayan forts, 20 miles east of Fort Chanar, in the middle of the swamps of Estero Patino. The two Bolivian aviators were captured.

As a result of the incident, the Associated Press was informed, Paraguay was preparing to send a new note to the neutral Central and South American nations, and to the United States.

Military leaders rushed preparations for possible further clashes and there were reports both nations were increasing their forces in the Chaco.

General Ayala, chief of staff of the army, resigned, and was replaced provisionally by Major Arturo Bray.

## AGED BANKER BEATEN, LEFT IN WEED PATCH

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 8 (AP)—Near death from loss of blood and exposure, his body bruised and lacerated, John B. Colegrove, aged president of a defunct Taylorville, Ill., bank, lay in a hospital here today and related how he had been attacked in his home, kidnaped, bound and gagged, and then, after being carted miles in an auto, tossed in the weed patch where he was left to die.

Colegrove, under penitentiary sentence resulting from his bank's failure, remained in the weed patch from late Friday night until early Sunday when he managed to loosen the ropes with which he was bound and made his way into Springfield to the home of a friend.

Meanwhile Christian county officials, when the kidnaping took place, were questioning two suspects, one of them James Gammatton, a depositor in Colegrove's bank who lost \$6000 when it closed.

## Wheat Stocks, Cotton Up

### FINISH OF 5000-METER RACE



For the first time in the Xth Olympic games a victorious athlete was greeted with boos instead of cheers by the thousands of spectators who daily have witnessed the track and field contests. Lauri Lehtanen, Finnish distance champion, drew a tremendous chorus of boos as he crossed the finish line in the 5000 meter run. Lehtanen fouled Ralph Hill, Klamath Falls, as the two raced down the straightaway almost neck and neck. However, Chief Judge Holtz decided that Lehtanen did not willfully interfere with Hill and adjudged him the winner of the race, second place going to Hill. Photo shows the close finish of the grueling contest. Both men share alike in the new 5000-meter record.

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## Home Loan Bank Board Will Hold Meeting Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—The two-day old home loan bank board already is shaping the machinery necessary to get financial aid to home owners.

Preliminary conferences among those of the five board members now in the capital continued today with Franklin W. Ford, New Jersey Republican, chairman, planning the first formal meeting tomorrow.

Meanwhile, he talked with Nathan Adams, Dallas Democrat and prominent banker in the southwest, and Dr. John Gries, Rosewood, Ohio, Republican, economist, about the problem of picking sites for the eight to twelve banks they will establish.

## 24 Stocks That Cost \$96 June 7 Now Worth \$169

By Victor Eubank (Associated Press Financial Writer)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP)—A prominent banker—a student of charts, trends and indices—has captured the depression, photographed and framed it, and hung it on the walls of his office as an "historical lesson in the depreciation of values."

On June 7 the banker sat at his desk and watched stock prices dribble from the ticker. To his analytical mind it looked as though they were scraping bottom. The idea for an experiment occurred to him. He called in his secretary.

"Go out and buy me one share of stock in each of 24 corporations whose issues are listed on the New York stock exchange and are quoted under \$10 a share," he directed. "Don't try to select these shares on the basis of earnings, book values or current assets. Just pick out the ones that have been most active in the past two or three years."

The secretary had no trouble in picking up the two dozen shares. And the total expense was exactly (Continued on Page Six)

## White-Collar Man To Receive Help

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 8 (AP)—The "white-collared" man is coming in for help.

Some 50,000 of them have been organized under a vast creative self-help plan in which barter money is to replace United States currency as a medium of exchange.

Seeking to aid these unemployed who have not yet asked for direct relief and who are trying to avoid charity if possible, Dr. George Mecklenburg, pastor of the Wesley Methodist Episcopal church here, has launched an enterprise known as the organized unemployed, to be operated and directed by the idle themselves for their own benefit.

## WHEAT PRICE CONTINUES TO GAIN TODAY

Jump Worth \$25,000 to Wheat Growers of Grande Ronde Valley

## COTTON SOARS \$5 IN NEW ORLEANS

Stock Market Surges Violently Higher, Retaining Half of Gains; Closing Tone Steady.

Wheat in the Grande Ronde valley, worth approximately \$350,000 Saturday due to a jump in price, was even more valuable today. Local wheat prices are based on the Portland cash price, which was 51 1/2 Saturday and 54 cents today, a gain of two and a half cents, representing approximately \$25,000 more to Union county grain growers.

On the futures market Portland prices quoted September at 55 and December at 59. In Chicago futures, September was 55 1/2 @ 56 and December at 59 1/2 @ 60 cents.

Buyers of wheat in Chicago found incentive in pronounced strength of the cotton market and securities. Supplies of wheat abroad were reduced to less than one month's need for Europe, whereas the United States visible supply increase for the week was less than 1,000,000 bushels against more than 8,000,000 bushels increase a year ago.

COTTON UP \$5  
NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 8 (AP)—Cotton prices on the local exchange soared fully \$5 a bale over Saturday's close, today when the government's report indicating a yield of 11,808,000 bales (Continued on Page Four)

## Ginseng Growers Guarding Crop

BLUE RIDGE, Ga., Aug. 8 (AP)—Guards, armed with the rifles their fathers once used to stand off "revenuers," guard today the isolated ginseng farms scattered through the backlands of the Georgia and Carolina mountains.

They are making sure, these days, that no interlopers molest their precious root crop for which exporters are paying \$7 a pound and as high as \$800 a bushel for the seed.

For ginseng, called colloquially "sang," is under cultivation for the first time, and its growers are taking no chances of losing their monopoly on the product. The Chinese, who furnish a steady market for the herb, consider it of the highest medicinal value.

## Two Questioned In Murder Mystery

NATCHEZ, Miss., Aug. 8 (AP)—Richard H. Dana and his aged housekeeper, Octavia Dockery, eccentric neighbors of the slain Jane Sargent Merrill, 68-year-old recluse, were brought into the center of the investigation of the strange killing today by a tentative report of fingerprint experts.

Sheriff Roberts said he had been informed that fingerprints bearing "marked resemblance" to those of Dana had been found on articles in the Merrill home.

The sheriff planned to question Dana and his housekeeper again today. They have insisted they knew nothing of the killing. Sheriff Roberts said his feelings exalted between Miss Merrill and Miss Dockery.

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (AP)—Sweeping upward with the largest general speculative demand witnessed in months, wheat made substantial price gains today, especially late.

Buyers of wheat found incentive in pronounced strength of the cotton market and securities. Supplies of wheat abroad were reduced to less than one month's needs for Europe, whereas the United States visible supply increase for the week was less than 1,000,000 bushels against more than 8,000,000 bushels increase a year ago.

BUTTER AND EGGS SOAR  
CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (AP)—Butter and egg futures again soared on the Chicago mercantile exchange today. Prices for the third consecutive trading session shot to new highs for the year. November butter reached 21 1/2 cents, August 21 cents, and October eggs 19 1/2. Closing prices of butter were up 1/4 @ 1/2 cents and eggs were up 1/2 cent.

Total sales were butter 3,458,000 pounds; eggs 4,260,000 dozen, a block of 98 cars of eggs changed hands in one sale, the largest single block in recent years. This represented a total of 750,000 dozen with a value of \$160,000.