

## Bringing Moore To La Grande Today

### PERSISTENT REPORTS OF CONFESSION

Story is That Fred Moore, 22, Arrested in Seattle, Admitted Killing.

### ALL DETAILS NOT RECEIVED AS YET

Awaiting Arrival of Officers and Prisoner Who Left Pendleton About Noon Today.

Railroad officers, accompanied by Sheriff Tom Gurdane, of Umatilla county, and District Attorney Carl Helm, of La Grande, had not arrived here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon with Fred Moore, 22, being returned to this city from Seattle in connection with the killing of Eldon L. Smith, railroad detective, near Hillgard two weeks ago tonight.

Word from Pendleton was that the group left there shortly after noon today for La Grande. Persistent reports were heard here this afternoon that the prisoner confessed to the killing of Smith during questioning at Pendleton last night. The same report, relative to a confession, was heard in Portland newspaper circles today. Sgt. J. A. Robertson, state police, who took Mr. Helm to Pendleton Wednesday, returned this afternoon but did not have any statement to make.

Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer, who returned from Pendleton this afternoon, said that information coming to him was that the prisoner had confessed to the killing.

**OFFICERS LEAVE PENDLETON**  
PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 18 (AP)—Fred Moore, arrested at Seattle this week in connection with the slaying two weeks ago of E. L. Smith, railroad detective, was taken to La Grande today by railroad police and Sheriff Tom Gurdane of Umatilla county.

In the custody of the special officers, Moore arrived late Wednesday. He was questioned extensively but no statement regarding the proceedings was given by the detectives.

Smith was beaten and shot to death at Hillgard as he attempted to put a group of transients off a freight train.

### ANOTHER DAY OF HEAT SEES MERCURY AT 96

For the third day in succession the mercury passed the 90-degree mark yesterday, and indications this morning were that it would be four after Wednesday's maximum was 96 above, compared with 98 the day before. Although it was two degrees cooler yesterday than Tuesday, the minimum last night was 59 above, two degrees warmer than Tuesday—evening things up.

With the continuation of the mid-summer heat, the fire department was busy yesterday burning grass and weeds from some vacant lots in the city. A fire prevention measure. There have been but few grass fires so far this season, and by taking precautions it is hoped that the number will be kept at a minimum. It is pointed out that the fire hazard is very dangerous at present.

### Portland Telegram Loses Barde Case

PORTLAND, Aug. 18 (AP)—A judgment of approximately \$30,000 against the Portland Telegram was granted in circuit court here Wednesday to the Barde family of Portland for rent allegedly due on the lease of the Telegram building on Eleventh street. The rental was alleged due on the basis of \$1800 a month.

The judgment was granted by Circuit Judge Eckwall to Rose Barde, Edith Barde, Sophie Barde and Hirsch Barde who sued for the amount.

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Generally fair to night and Friday but fog on the coast; little change in temperature; gentle northwest winds offshore.

**WEATHER TODAY**  
7 a. m.—65 above.  
Minimum: 59 above.  
Condition: Clear.

**WEATHER YESTERDAY**  
Maximum 96, minimum 57 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—39 degrees.

**WEATHER AUG. 18, 1931**  
Maximum 91, minimum 60 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—31 degrees.

### La Grande Man Is Sentenced In Pendleton Court

A. C. Newman Fined \$100 and Given 60-Day Term—Many Rumors Heard Here During Day.

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 18 (AP)—A. C. Newman, La Grande painter, was today fined \$100 and sentenced to serve 60 days in jail when he appeared in justice court on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

**BODY IDENTIFIED**  
PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 18 (AP)—County officers today continued their investigation of the death of a man identified as Fred Steel, Enterprise sheep herder, whose body was found yesterday in a weed patch near the Pendleton gun club grounds. The top of his head had been shaved and a high power rifle was clutched in his hands.

**MUCH CONCERN HERE**  
The above two stories, brought to La Grande today by the Associated Press leased wire, appear to partly answer widespread rumors heard here last night and this morning.

For while yesterday, it was believed here that the body of the man found at Pendleton might be that of A. C. Newman, La Grande painter, and Mrs. Newman—who had gone to Enterprise in search of her husband—was communicated with and arranged to go to Pendleton to identify the body if possible. Before she left La Grande it was learned that Mr. Newman was held in the Umatilla county jail. She left here last night after a hurried trip to La Grande.

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### Old Centennial Hotel Burning At Union Today

The La Grande fire truck returned at 2:15 this afternoon. Fire consumed the Centennial hotel, but was kept from spreading elsewhere. The blaze started from some ashes dumped near the building, it was believed.

**By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)**  
UNION, Ore., Aug. 18 (Special)—A fire, the origin of which was unknown this noon, broke out in the old Centennial hotel in Union today about 12 o'clock and was still out of control when the La Grande fire department was called to the scene at about 12:30 o'clock. The old hotel, a two story wooden building, is a landmark in Union.

Several of the rooms on the upper floor were occupied but were emptied after the fire broke out. Equipment and plate glass windows from two barber shops and a cafe were all removed from the building.

The fire broke out in the back part of the structure and was burning well before it was discovered. Although it was impossible to put out the blaze in the old hotel, the fire

### Citizens Join In Drive Aimed At Merger Bill

Representative citizens of Union, North Powder, Elgin, Imbler and La Grande have been appointed by Hugh E. Brady, chairman of the educational committee of the chamber of commerce, to augment the group which is working against the Zorn-McPherson school merger bill. The duties of the committee will be to disseminate information.

New appointments to the committee include J. P. Hutchinson, Merion A. Davis and George Benson, of Union; J. A. Nice and J. Willie Dalton, of North Powder; R. L. Shumaker and Charles Moore, of Elgin; Irwin Westenskow, of Imbler; and Bishop E. D. Whiting, of La Grande.

### Relief Committee Needs Vegetables

String beans, sweet corn, and vegetables which can be used for canning for winter relief of the needy are requested by Mrs. Frederick Gehring, chairman. Owners are requested to bring vegetables to the committee's headquarters at Honan hall or to call Mrs. Gehring or Mrs. David Meldrum who will see that the produce is collected.

Although a great deal of canning has been done it has been confined mostly to cherries.

### Secretary Russell Resigns His Post

After 20 years as secretary of the Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic lodge, L. H. Russell resigned because of his health Tuesday evening at a meeting of the chapter at the Masonic hall. A past high priest's jewel was presented to him by George T. Cochran, while C. M. Humphreys read a resolution praising his activity as secretary.

The past master degree was also conferred on Ed Allen, Elmer McManus, Dr. C. L. Gistrap, Alfred Milne and Richard B. Hill.

### PICCARD UP 10 MILES IN HIS BALLOON

Professor Breaks All Altitude Records Before Returning to Earth.

### PROFITABLE TRIP, HE TELLS CROWD

Takes Off at Dubendorf, Switzerland and Makes Landing 12 Hours Later at Edolo, Italy.

EDOLO, Italy, Aug. 18 (AP)—Professor Auguste Piccard's second balloon excursion into the stratosphere ended this evening at 5 o'clock when he brought his balloon down here after almost 12 hours in the upper atmosphere.

Edolo lies in the Comanica valley, 25 miles from Brescia about half way between Milan and Verona.

Once he decided to land, he came down gradually and the operation required about two hours.

He knew that the northwest wind

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### LAY CORNERSTONE OF L. D. S. CHURCH

Churches and Organizations Take Part in Ceremony at Union

**By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)**  
UNION, Ore., Aug. 18 (Special)—Business was suspended here for a while yesterday morning for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the L. D. S. chapel, which is now in the process of construction.

In the presence of a crowd of townspeople and members of the church, the stone was put in place

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### MOVEMENT TO SUPPORT DRUM CORPS STARTED

Special committees from the Rotary and Lions clubs, the chamber of commerce and the American Legion held a meeting at the La Grande hotel this noon for the purpose of discussing ways and means of raising enough money to send the American Legion drum corps to the national legion convention in Portland next month. The legion usually takes care of all its expenses without asking aid from any outside sources, and has been generous in its support of all worthy-community activities, especially in the cause of unemployment relief during recent months.

But now the legion finds itself almost broke, with many of its drum corps members unable to pay all of their own expenses on the trip to the big convention. In order to represent La Grande in Portland, therefore, it will be necessary to raise additional funds. At the meeting this noon representatives from the four civic organizations pledged themselves to secure the appointment of four committees to conduct a solicitation campaign, contacting all business firms and individuals beginning next Wednesday morning.

### Begin Transatlantic Flight

### Highway Commission to Consider Wolf Creek Route To The Sea

SALEM, Aug. 18 (AP)—Recommendations of R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, designating the Wolf creek route as the location of the "short road to the sea" from Portland, will be considered at a special meeting of the state highway commission to be held in Portland Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 23. It was announced here last night. All parties interested in this matter affecting all of Northwest Oregon will be heard at the session.

The recommendation that the Wolf creek route be selected as the location, although cost of construction would be \$500,000 more than the Scappoose-Vernonia route, the only other one considered in the final survey, was made in a detailed report of the commission by Baldock late yesterday. It was not known when the commission would take definite action on the recommendation.

The recommended route, Baldock's report states, could be constructed in about three years at an estimated cost of \$4,559,792. The Scappoose-Vernonia route would require two years longer to build but the estimated cost would be less, or \$4,054,369. The dis-

### ROOSEVELT WILL SPEAK IN PORTLAND

Democratic Candidate For President to Campaign in Oregon.

### WILL UNDERTAKE 8000-MILE TRIP

No Stops Scheduled in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 18 (AP)—An eight thousand mile campaign tour through twenty-one states to the Pacific coast will be undertaken by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic presidential candidate, beginning September 12.

The middle western grain belt, the Rocky mountain belt, the Pacific northwest, California, the southwest and the Great Lakes industrial area will be visited by the governor before returning to his home state, at Buffalo, Oct. 3.

The itinerary tentatively calls for these stops: Topeka, Kan., Sept. 14; Denver, Sept. 15; Cheyenne, Wyo.,

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### HOOVER BACK AT DESK FOR ANOTHER DAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—President Hoover went back to work today considering, among other things, the progress of his plans for the meeting next week which he hopes will put the active aid of many prominent men behind a drive for better business.

He was refreshed, tanned, and relaxed by his three-day fishing trip on Chesapeake bay, which ended yesterday. He plans to go tomorrow to his Rapidan, Virginia, camp in the mountains to finish his longest vacation since last year.

The president found that during his absence aides had gone ahead gathering data to be presented to the business leaders when they gather here August 26. Already acceptances to join the conference have been received from numerous of the 159 financial and industrial representatives invited.

As he studied the last reports of this meeting, Mr. Hoover was optimistic that he could bring out of it an organized "program of action along the whole economic front."

### Seven Indicted On Lottery Charges

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (AP)—Seven persons including U. S. Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, were indicted today charged with participation in alleged lottery and conspiracy.

The Western Union Telegraph company is also named as a defendant. The indictments grew out of an investigation of fraternal organization activities involving the Eagles, the Moose and Myrtle Shriners among others, concerning the sale of lottery tickets which drew prizes for holders of lucky numbers.

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### British Flier Leaves Ireland In Tiny Airplane

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## Curtis In Favor of Dry Law

### FORD'S NIECE WEDS EGYPTIAN



Miss Violet Raymond, above, niece of Henry Ford, will be married today to Francois Audi, Egyptian, at Adrian, Mich. It was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Raymond of Adrian. Mrs. Raymond is a sister of Mrs. Henry Ford. Since her graduation from Adrian High school in 1927, Violet has studied art in New York and Paris. Audi is a resident of Paris.

### Wool Market Is Active; Prices Advance Sharply

BOSTON, Aug. 18 (AP)—The wool market is enjoying the largest concentrated buying within a given period for years and prices are responding buoyantly to the increased manufacturers demand, local wool authorities said today.

The sharpest advances in prices experienced for a long period occurred this week, selling prices moving up for an average gain of 10 per cent while asking prices, indicating the trend, are 15 per cent higher than a week ago. During the past week, from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 additional pounds of wool was sold.

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### Passenger Train Escapes Dynamite

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 18 (AP)—A charge of dynamite which Rock Island railroad officials said they believed was intended to wreck their fast "Californian" on route from Memphis, exploded as an unscheduled freight train passed a spot about 200 yards east of the North Little Rock passenger station at 12:15 a. m. today.

The blast tore out a piece of rail two or three feet long and blew the pilot off the locomotive of the freight, which, however, was not derailed. The engineer and fireman, two brakemen and several wayfarers were dazed but otherwise uninjured.

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### Bishop Cannon Accuses Hoover Of Surrendering

Clergyman Declares President Gives Way to "Speakeasies, Bootleggers and Nullifiers."

GENEVA, Aug. 18 (AP)—President Hoover was charged today by Bishop James Cannon Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church South, with having surrendered "to the speakeasies, bootleggers and nullifiers of the constitution" in his efforts to control what Hoover denounces as the "intolerable speakeasies and bootleggers" and to prevent "practical nullification of the constitution."

"The outstanding, indeed the overshadowing part of Hoover's prohibition statement," he said in his criticism, a statement which ran to considerable length, "is the startling declaration by a president of the United States of the helplessness of his administration in its warfare against lawlessness, in its efforts to control what Hoover denounces as the 'intolerable speakeasies and bootleggers' and to prevent 'practical nullification of the constitution.'"

"But is not the president himself responsible if his administration is as helpless as he now so suddenly declares in the very face of that most significant and encouraging official statement recently submitted to congress that consumption of intoxicants had diminished over 60 per cent since 1914?"

Had President Hoover in March, 1929, declared his purpose to enforce vigorously and efficiently the Volstead act and asked congress to furnish whatever men and money were necessary, congress would have provided them, he said.

"And now, without having first appealed to congress for money and men to aid him to prevent nullification of the constitution," he said, "Hoover suddenly surrenders and declares the helplessness of his administration to enforce the constitution which he has sworn to uphold

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### To Open Bids On 17 Highway Jobs At Aug. 31 Meet

SALEM, Aug. 18 (AP)—Bids on 17 highway projects involving an expenditure of about \$800,000 will be opened at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland Aug. 31. It was announced here today. The projects, covering improvement of 65 miles of highways, and construction of five bridges and one building, are spread over 14 counties in the state.

The awarding of these contracts will be the first work on the federal relief program. The projects to be let will be as follows:

Baker county—Lime-Huntington section of the Old Oregon Trail, 4.15 miles of grading.

Benton county—Bummer creek-Lobster mountain section of secondary highway No. 201, seven-tenths mile of grading.

Clackamas county—Jennings Lodge and Clackamas river sections of the East Portland-Oregon City highway, one mile of grading, Milwaukie-Oregon City section of the East Portland-Oregon City highway, 5.7 miles of concrete pavement, twenty feet wide.

Curry county—First Hughes section of secondary highway No. 250, 1.1 miles of grading and gravel surfacing.

Deschutes county—Horse ridge-Millican section of Central Oregon highway, 4.44 miles of gravel surfacing.

Douglas county—Paradise creek (Continued on Page Five)

### Woman, 100, Taking Long Stage Trip

OMAHA, Aug. 18 (AP)—Back tracking over a trail she rode on a pony 82 years ago, Mrs. Minerva Hastman, 100 years old, is en route from her home in San Francisco to Washington, D. C. She passed through here yesterday, unaccompanied, traveling on a transcontinental bus.

At Washington Mrs. Hastman will celebrate jointly the bicentennial of George Washington and her own one hundredth birthday. Asked for an interview by newsmen, she replied that "folk aren't interested in me."

Physicians announced her condition was "very grave."

### CHAS. CURTIS PERSONALLY DRY, HE SAYS

Makes Acceptance Speech This Afternoon in Nation's Capital

### BELIEVES BETTER TIMES ARE NEAR

Speech By Hoover's Running Mate Clears the Way For the Republican Presidential Campaign.

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 18 (AP)—Voicing his personal opposition to repeal of the eighteenth amendment and expressing confidence in eventual success of administration efforts to bring relief from the depression, Vice President Curtis today accepted nomination by the Republicans.

The Kansan, in his formal address of acceptance, said he felt the people "should at all times be given full opportunity to express their opinion on the constitution or amendments thereto" but that personally "I am opposed to the return of the saloon and I am opposed to the repeal of the eighteenth amendment."

Mr. Curtis made no mention in his prepared address of President Hoover's proposal for a change in prohibition.

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### CARAVANS OF COAL MINERS BEGIN MARCH

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 18 (AP)—Two long caravans of striking coal miners, reported to number 4000 men, started the threatened "march on Taylorville" today to induce union miners working under a new lower wage scale contract to quit the mines.

Accompanied by several women, the diggers advanced from the south and the north for the avowed purpose of "peacefully" stopping all mine operations in Christian county. Highway barricades were removed earlier upon orders of county authorities.

Six national guard planes ordered here from the national guard encampment at Camp Grant by Governor Emmerson were ordered to the scene. Two planes were equipped with machine guns. Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Hammond was with the fliers.

### Work on Street Drain Near End

City Manager Angus McAllister reported during last night's commission meeting that the cross-street drain was about installed at Fourth and Washington, and that the crews should be ready to get at the work of pavement patching shortly.

He also announced that Engineer Green, of the state board of health, was expected here today or Friday, and would go to the Beaver creek intake.

Cash on hand at the end of the week was \$11,412.75, of which \$8080.10 was in the bank, \$522.98 in cash and the remainder in warrants.

Only routine matters were before the commissioners last night.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 18 (AP)—Active buying by houses with eastern connections lifted wheat prices briskly today toward the last.

Reports that plans for organization of the new commodities finance corporation had been perfected were a bullish factor. Eastern buying caught the wheat pit in an overvalued condition.

Wheat closed firm, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 above yesterday's finish, corn 3/4 to 1/2 up, oats at 1/2 to 3/4 advance, and provisions 5 to 12 cents down.

PORTLAND, Aug. 18 (AP)—Both cash and futures wheat advanced in the domestic trade during the Thursday sessions. On the Portland futures market, September closed with a gain of 1/4c, December 1/2c and May 1/4c bu. There were sales of 15,000 bu. On the merchants exchange cash wheat advanced 1/4c bu. all around.