

Fred Moore Escapes From County Jail

OFFICERS OF 3 STATES ON WATCH TODAY

Man Accused of Murder of E. L. Smith Digs Out From Bullpen.

HIDES OUT WHEN CELLS LOCKED UP

No Clues Available as to what Direction Moore Took After Leaving County Court House.

Officers of three states are on the lookout today for Fred Moore, alias Robert King, 29-year-old alleged murderer of E. L. Smith, U. P. detective who was slain near Hilgard the night of Aug. 4.

Moore, who escaped from the court house sometime after midnight Saturday night, was not missed until Sunday morning when officers took the prisoners their breakfast. The fugitive, who once served a term in Kentucky prison and who signed a confession in connection with the killing of Mr. Smith, according to District Attorney Carl Hein, was not believed to be armed, as no reports have been received of any stolen guns. Officers believe that the prisoner either is somewhere near La Grande, hiding out, or else he may have hitch-hiked a ride and may be in another state by now. A description of the man has been sent to authorities throughout the Pacific Northwest with U. P. railroad detectives joining in the chase.

Hunt Sunday Futility. State police, county officers, city officers and railroad detectives spent all of Sunday hunting for some trace of Moore, but without success. Sheriff Jesse Breashears went to Baker in an endeavor to locate some trace of the man, and others spent the day literally combing the country.

Moore hid out in the bullpen Saturday night when Deputy Sheriff Dick Claycomb transferred the prisoners to their cells, and his absence was not discovered. During the night—using crude tools fashioned from a broken table—Moore dug through the brick wall of the bullpen into the court house halls, and then escaped through a window in the women's washroom. The walls of the bullpen, although more than two feet in thickness, presented no real obstacle to the prisoner, according to the sheriff.

State Patrolman Bill Howard took

EBERHARD FOR REDUCED AUTO LICENSE FEES

By Miss Billie Johnson (Observer Correspondent)

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Sept. 19 (Special)—Chairman J. A. Burell held a meeting of the Republican county central committee here Saturday. Plans for the current political campaign were discussed and made. It is improbable that scheduled public meetings will be held this year. The committee authorized representatives to advertise in the Wallowa county papers the date, time and name of stations of all radio speakers supporting the national and state Republican tickets.

Oscar M. Young Dead Here Today

Oscar M. Young, 20 years a resident of La Grande, died at the Grande Ronde hospital about 11 o'clock this morning of acute appendicitis. An operation was performed in an attempt to save his life but to no avail.

Funeral services will be announced later.

Mr. Young, who leaves his widow, Betty, and one son, who arrived here this morning from Vancouver, B. C., has been a cook in La Grande for the last few years and was well known throughout the city. He was born in Joplin, Mo., July 21, 1888 and was 44 years, one month and 29 days of age.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday but showers today and tonight. Extreme north portion; slightly warmer in the east portion tonight; fresh south to west winds off shore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—46 above.
Minimum: 38 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 58, minimum 38 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Range: 20 degrees.

WEATHER SEPT. 19, 1931

Maximum 57, minimum 46 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.
Rain .02 of inch. Range: 11 degrees.

80 Are Present At Picnic Held In Pioneer Park

Dunham Wright, Hugh Brady and W. Pierce Principal Speakers During the Afternoon.

Eighty pioneers and members of pioneer families from Union county were the guests at the Francis Brown Auxiliary to the Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers yesterday when they entertained at a picnic at Pioneer park, Catherine creek. Dunham Wright, of Medical Springs, president of the pioneer association, Hugh Brady and Walter M. Pierce were the principal speakers during the program which followed a basket lunch at noon.

Sixty years ago when Mr. Wright first settled at Medical Springs, he camped at the park which was then on an Indian trail, he stated. A May Stephens, of Portland, a pioneer daughter.

La Grande Wins First Place In Eagles Contest

A mixed drill team of the La Grande area of Eagles was proclaimed as the leading group at the Eastern Oregon district assembly of the Fraternal Order of Eagles yesterday at Baker. Exhibitions were given by drill teams of the Pendleton area, mixed aggregations from La Grande and Baker, the latter winning second and the former, third. Mrs. Nellie Ladd is captain of the winning team, members of which are Mrs. Mabel Miller, flag bearer, Mrs. Emma Giltner, Mrs. Anna Feree, Mrs. Betty Marovich, Mrs. Golda Hlatt, Mrs. Jessie Hoke, Mrs. Myrtle Anderson, Mrs. Fred Evans, Mrs. Anna Stahl, John Huffman, John Hopkins, Ray Patten, Steve Hlatt, Arthur Hlatt, Louis Evans, Frank Arthur.

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Union Blossom Show Held; List Of Prizes Given

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent)
UNION, Ore., Sept. 19—The annual fall flower show held at the Union high school yesterday was a success and many local and out-of-town visitors enjoyed the display of lovely fall blossoms. Despite the fact that the show was late for some of the choicest blooms there were many beautiful flowers entered. The number of entries was not so large as last year but there was a noticeable improvement in the quality of the flowers. Competition was keen among the gladioli exhibits and almost every one entered was a prize winner. The table used for the display of the room was used entirely for the gladioli.

KEN SIEGRIST IN FINALS OF GOLF TOURNNEY

In the semi-finals of the men's golf championship at the La Grande country club, Ken Siegrist defeated Jack Murphy yesterday and now faces Charles Reynolds, present champion, in the finals. The match probably will be played in the near future.

Men's basketball was played at the country club yesterday with N. W. Fries winning with a score of 89-18-71. Harold Boone, William Dolan tied for second in the contest of 99-13-73 and 88-16-73, and Paul Meyers was third with 90-16-74.

Californian Will Visit La Grande

In the course of a business survey of Oregon in which he will seek information regarding methods for creating a greater volume of business between Oregon and Los Angeles, Albert W. Weigel, domestic trade commissioner of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, will be in La Grande on Sept. 23.

The purpose is to establish a closer business relationship between the producers of the two sections. A ready trade is a large amount of ready trade, but this can be increased through co-operation. Suggestions will be sought from chamber of commerce officials, business men, bankers, producers and others. These will be compiled and published by the Los Angeles organization.

Reckless Driving Lands Man in Jail

J. W. Williamson is lodged in the county jail after having pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving Saturday evening before Judge L. Denham in the court of the justice of the peace. A five-day jail sentence and a fine of \$30 was imposed by Judge Denham, and Williamson has been committed to serve out his fine in default of payment.

MEIER STOPS ATTEMPT TO FIRE EINZIG

Governor Adjourns Board of Control Meeting With No Action.

RESOLUTION READ BY RUFUS HOLMAN

Secretary Hoss Has No Action to Offer and So Meier Brings Session to a Close.

SALEM, Sept. 19 (AP)—Rufus C. Holman's attempt today to remove William Blum as secretary of the state board of control, was lost when Governor Julius L. Meier adjourned the meeting immediately upon the presentation of the resolution by the state treasurer. Blum remains as state purchasing agent and secretary of the board.

Upon the reading by Holman, who arrived late at the meeting, to dis-

AGED CYCLIST IS LOCAL VISITOR

George M. Sanford, 78, Has Travelled 10,000 Miles in Last 4 Years

With his bed, stove, roadmaps and other traveling paraphernalia packed on his bicycle, George M. Sanford, 78-year-old cyclist of Oakland, Cal., has traveled 10,000 miles during the past four years, and he states that traveling by bicycle is no more tiring than walking.

One of the longest rides which Mr. Sanford has made was from Loveland to Winnemucca, Nev., over the desert, a distance of 72 miles. He would have gone farther, he states, but he wanted to stop in Winnemucca.

Mr. Sanford is a visitor in La Grande for a few days, having arrived Saturday.

Last His Job

Mr. Sanford was a shipbuilder and when he lost his job he decided to start out into the world and have some fun. He wasn't too old, he states, although everyone told him he was. He went to Minneapolis and to see the Minnesota falls. His first summer, 1929, was spent in Wisconsin in his old home. As winter came on he went down into Quincy, Ill., to wait for summer. In the summer of

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William Jasper Passes Away At His Farm Home

William Robert Jasper, native son of Oregon and a pioneer of this section, died at his farm home on the foothill road this morning after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with Rev. J. George Walz officiating. Burial will take place in the family plot in the Masonic cemetery. All Old Fellows are to meet at the hall at 1 o'clock tomorrow to attend the funeral.

Mr. Stiles was born in Ohio Dec. 18, 1870 and was 61 years, nine months and one day of age. He leaves his widow, Elva, six children; Theodore, of Ohio; Charles W., of La Grande; Laura Jane Hensley, of Idaho; Pearl Stanley, of Oregon, and Ira, of La Grande, a cousin, son of La Grande; and a brother and sister in Ohio.

Mr. Stiles was in the fuel business here for many years.

WATERY GRAVE CLAIMS THREE MORE OCEAN FLIERS?



Rome lay at the end of the non-stop air trail which three of the four pictured above hoped to blaze when they hopped off from Floyd Bennett airport, New York, the other day in the monoplane "American Nurse," but they never reached their destination and it is feared met death in a watery grave. Shown here just before the take-off are, left to right, Miss Edna Newcomer, Williamsport, Pa., nurse who was to serve as relief pilot; William C. Ulrich, veteran pilot; Mrs. Stephen Miller, wife of one of the flight's backers; and Dr. Leon M. Pissell, New York physician, who was making the trip with the avowed purpose of studying the reaction of his fellow fliers.

Company E Wins Eastern Oregon Rifle Contest

La Granders Retain Pearce Trophy For Another Year—Carl Johansen Makes Best Score.

Company E, 189th Infantry, Oregon national guard, of La Grande, won the seventh consecutive battalion rifle match yesterday with a score of 1214 and will retain the Pearce cup for another year. Baker company placed second, Pendleton, third, and Union, fourth.

The rifle teams are composed of men who have been in the companies for less than a year. Lieut. Col. R. E. Huron, range officer, states, Carl Johansen, of La Grande, was high point man in the match with a score of 214. Kenneth Ashman ran a close second, with 213, and Max Burke, third with 212.

McClellan was high point man for the Baker company with a score of 188. George Gillison headed the Union team with 191, and Sheriff of Pendleton, was first for his company with a 200 score.

The men shot from four positions, prone, standing, sitting and kneeling, and rapid fire.

Individual scores for Company E, of La Grande, were: Harry Dawson 190, Arthur Steffen 193, Kenneth Ashman 213, Max Burke 212, James Burke 193, Carl Johansen 214.

For the Union company, the individual scores were: Robert E. Cox 158, Reed Blacker 176, Max Tallman 188, Russell Anderson 157, George Van Houten 172, George Gillison 191.

Lieut. Jesse W. Andrews, La Grande, is statistical officer.

Laymen Of East Oregon Meet In Session Sunday

Laymen from four Episcopal churches in Eastern Oregon gathered in La Grande yesterday for the annual laymen's conference which was held at St. Peter's Episcopal church. Leaders of the conference were Bishop William P. Remington, of the Eastern Oregon Diocese; Rev. Stanley T. Rogers, director of St. Paul's church in Spokane; and David Knapp, of Spokane, director of the field department of the diocese of Spokane.

The conference opened with the services at 11 o'clock at which Bishop Remington delivered the principal address. The general theme of the conference was "How the Church Can Deal With Modern Problems." An evening session was devoted to business and closed the conference.

Dinner and lunch were enjoyed by the delegates at the parish house. Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, of La Grande, described the conference as very successful with 18 out-of-town delegates from Baker, Pendleton and The Dalles.

PEARL STILES PASSES AWAY ON SATURDAY

Pearl Vinton Stiles, a resident of La Grande for many years, died at the Grande Ronde hospital Saturday afternoon following a short illness.

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RECOMMENDS UNIFICATION OF RAILROAD

Examiner Thomas F. Sullivan Reports to I. C. C. Today.

U. P. MOVE FOUGHT BY THE EMPLOYEES

Plan Opposed on Ground it Would Throw a Large Number of Clerks Out of Work.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Examiner Thomas F. Sullivan today recommended that the interstate commerce commission approve unification of the Union Pacific railroad system.

The recommendation was that the Union Pacific be permitted to take over full control of the Oregon Short Line Railroad company, the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company, the Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad company and the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railway company.

Seek \$600,000 Saving. The Union Pacific has controlled these lines for a number of years and sought the unification as a means of saving approximately \$600,000 a year in accounting costs.

The plan, if it goes through will result in elimination of all inter-company accounting and will largely eliminate duplication of reports to state and federal authorities.

Employees of the various roads opposed the plan on the ground that it would throw a large number of clerks out of work. The examiner says that the Union Pacific expects to employ about 60 per cent of the employees of the accounting departments of the five lines.

Great Britain, France Opposing German Demand

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—The government of Great Britain today took a position very near that of France in opposition to Germany's method of demanding equality in armaments.

In an official memorandum issued from the foreign office yesterday the government insisted the German problem must be solved by negotiation and declared Germany's threat to quit the disarmament conference was "unfortunate" at a time when attention and energy should be directed to economic rehabilitation of the world.

"Granted that this question of equal status would have arisen before the disarmament conference concluded its work, there is a grave disadvantage in forcing it to the front at this stage," the note said.

"In view of Germany's economic difficulties, the initiation of an acute controversy in the political field at this moment must be accounted unwise, and, in view of the concessions

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Mrs. Sarah Garner Near Death Today

DETROIT, Tex., Sept. 18 (AP)—Mrs. Sarah Jane Garner, 81-year-old mother of the Democratic vice presidential nominee, critically ill at her home here, failed to show any improvement this morning and those in attendance believed the end was not far off.

Speaker Garner, who interrupted his political campaign activities to hurry to his mother's bedside, said this morning: "My mother cannot recover. It's just a matter of time now."

Eastern Canada Swept By Gales; Much Fruit Loss

Communications Disrupted and Heavy Rains Cause Landslide—Cliff Falls Onto Factory.

MONTREAL, Sept. 19 (AP)—Gales swept up from the Atlantic over the weekend leaving a trail of destruction from the Maritime provinces to Quebec. Du Loup, Que. Fishermen were imperiled along the Atlantic coast and it was feared later reports would show some had been lost.

Throughout Eastern Canada high winds destroyed fruit orchards and disrupted communications and heavy rainfalls caused landslides.

In the Annapolis valley, Nova Scotia, the wind blew down trees and destroyed about 75 per cent of the apple crop.

Many vessels were torn from their mooring in Nova Scotia but none was lost.

Cliff Falls On Factory. Part of the cliff at Quebec was washed away by rain and fell upon an abandoned factory.

Orchardists of Annapolis valley estimated more than 300,000 barrels of apples had been stripped from their trees, involving a loss of about \$1,000,000.

George Thibodeau, fisherman of West Point, Prince Edward Island, was missing.

Five men from Caraquet, New Brunswick, reached shore when their fishing schooner struck a reef at Alberton harbor, Prince Edward Island. The schooner was breaking up.

EDITORS SURVEY BUSINESS GAINS

Slow Upward Movement in Many Lines Observed During September.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (AP)—Business and industrial magazine editors throughout the country, reporting trade trends during the early part of this month to the Associated Business Papers, Inc., observed a slow upward movement in many lines.

It was reported building contracts increased substantially, mid-summer advances in cement prices were holding steady, railroads showed a better picture than in previous months, and more readily available for railway improvements and labor troubles showed a tendency to decrease.

First demand for iron and steel production were found to be rising somewhat slowly, while machinery orders were a trifle ahead of July; oil producers and refiners reported a decline in production, and the custom of the period; chemical consumption continued to rise while the country's stocks were declining; the paint trade exhibited improved demand from both industrial and consumer sources; woodworking plants were doing moderately better, but millwork building continued low.

The editors especially stressed the improvement in the textile industry. Cotton stocks, it was said, were the lowest on record with unfilled orders the highest since March, 1929; wholesale drygoods buying was found to be heavy, stores apparently stocking against rising commodity prices.

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HUNTERS ARE HEADING INTO WOODS TODAY

Scores of deer hunters in both Union and Wallowa counties were taking to the hills today in order to be in the woods when the deer season opens tomorrow, to continue until Oct. 25.

With deer reported plentiful, indications were that there would be more red hats and red coats in the forests of Eastern Oregon this season than for many years.

The bag limit is one deer this year and the hunter must put both tags on the carcass of the animal he kills.

Farmer Pickets Losers in Battle

WORTHINGTON, Minn., Sept. 19 (AP)—Branching clubs and blockading roads with steel girders, heavy wire cable and spiked machine belts, farmer pickets seeking higher prices for their crops today lost their first brush with the law.

Sheriff Eldon Rowe and Deputy Sheriff Albert Levine, went to the aid of S. V. Calvin and rescued Calvin's load of sheep after the pickets unchained his team, tied the horse to a telephone pole and ran the wagon into a ditch.

Upwards of 300 men patrolled ten highways leading into Worthington.

STATE MEDICS TO MEET

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19 (AP)—The Oregon state medical society will hold its 58th annual meeting in Klamath Falls the last three days of this week. The annual meeting of the Oregon public health league will be held at the same time and place.

PACIFIC COLLEGE OPENS

NEWBURG, Ore., Sept. 19 (AP)—The fall term at Pacific college opened today, marking the start of the 42d college year.

Grand Old Man Of Oregon, Dean Straub, Passes

Death Takes Educator Connected With the University of Oregon Since the Year 1878.

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 19 (AP)—Dean John Straub, Oregon's "grand old man," died last night at his home here from a heart attack. Slightly more than a year ago he retired from active work, in which he filled such a large place in the life of the Uni-

versity of Oregon and its personnel, on account of a failing heart. With him at his passing were his family, his widow, his daughter, Mrs. O. F. Stafford, wife of Dr. Stafford of the university chemistry department, Dr. Stafford and the Stafford children.

Dean Straub was 79 years old and had been connected with the university since 1878. It was said of him that he never forgot the name or the face of a male student who had attended the university.

His personality continued as active during his "retirement," and his friends recalled the dean had been present at practically every rally and important university meeting this year.

Dr. Straub was best known for his friendship for the freshmen students just entering college and his kindly interest in their welfare.

He was born in Philadelphia April 6, 1853 of Swiss and German parents, who had emigrated to this country, and graduated from Merced college in 1876. He attended the University of Pennsylvania from 1877 to 1879. He married Cora Martin July 16, 1878.

Dean Straub was a member of the

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Car Collision Is Fatal to Two In Gold Hill Area

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 19 (AP)—Marcus Tuttle, 71, of Trail, Ore., and his wife, Rosa Tuttle, 63, were killed in an automobile accident on the Pacific highway near Gold Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Violet Crawford, 40, their daughter who was driving the car, was badly shaken up.

State police said Mrs. Crawford, in attempting to pass a string of four automobiles, swung into gravel on the wrong side of the road, lost control of her car and crashed head-on into another driven by Dr. D. F. DeVore, of Oakland, Ore., and overturned.

Dr. DeVore, who swung clear of the road in an effort to avoid the crash, was uninjured.

Coroner H. W. Conger said an inquest will be held tomorrow.

California Fires Controlled Today

VENTURA, Cal., Sept. 19 (AP)—For the first time in nearly two weeks, the disastrous Santa Barbara national forest fire was reported under control today. A shift in the wind last night tied the approximate 1500 men to drive back the flames.

Five bits of ash were continuing to fall in Los Angeles, nearly 80 miles from the fire today, and vast clouds of smoke continued to all but blot out the sun over wide areas of Southern and Central California.

VILLAGE MENACED. BOULDER, Colo., Sept. 19 (AP)—Spreading forest fires today menaced the village of Nederland, Colo., despite a night and day of stubborn resistance by 300 fire fighters.

Forest supervisor William Kreutzer said more than 2000 acres of timberland had been burned over.

Grand Army Meets In Springfield, Ill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 19 (AP)—There is nothing slow about the sixty-sixth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The remnants of the Grand Army, despite their venerable ages, scarcely slept last night and were aboard early today with blare of trumpet and file and drum corps.

At 2:45 a. m. one Civil war bugler got out of bed and standing in front of the headquarters hotel, blew reveille. And at 4:30 o'clock this morning the shrill of life and the roll of drums made sleep difficult.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Sept. 19 (AP)—Faced by 1,461,000 bushels increase of the United States wheat visible supply and by persistent big Canadian receipts, wheat prices dipped sharply today.

Strength earlier was largely due to Argentine wheat crop prospects which were reported to be causing anxiety.

Wheat closed nervous, 4 1/2 cent under Saturday's finish, corn unchanged to 1/2 cent lower, oats 1/4 cent up to 1/2 cent, and provisions unchanged to 7 cents down.

F. R. SPEAKS ON MINING IN BUTTE TODAY

Martin A. Fitzgerald to Help Welcome Roosevelt in Portland Sept. 21.

G. O. P. PLANNING STRONG CAMPAIGN

White House Conference Held Last Night; Maine Election Results Cause of Activity.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 19 (AP)—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking from a stand in front of the Silver Bow county courthouse today, declared the improvement of conditions in the mining industry will be attained by no single panacea.

In this copper mining city, hard hit by the depression that closed most of the Anaconda Copper Mining company's eleven mines in this district, the Democratic presidential nominee added:

"I want to be fair and honest with you as I was with the farmers, at Topeka the other day and say, with problems of such many-sided importance, the way out is difficult. Particularly is this true of the problem of improving the condition of silver, and the restoration of trade on the Pacific."

"It must be done with the pledge of the platform in mind that a sound currency be maintained. This must and shall be done. I pledge you, as I pledged myself to the farmers, willing hands and a sincere purpose. This is, my friends, the issue of the campaign—on the one side cynical and unscrupulous acceptance of things as they are; on the other determination and faith in the possibility of change—of progress—of a new deal."

FITZGERALD HONORED. Martin A. Fitzgerald, of La Grande, who served as delegate to the national Democratic convention, representing the second congressional district, has been appointed as a member of the reception committee for Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, who will arrive in Portland Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7:30. Mr. Fitzgerald received notification of his appointment by Carl O. Donaghy, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, this morning.

Several La Granders plan to visit

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ROBOT AGAIN INJURES MAN WHO MADE HIM

BRIGHTON, England, Sept. 19 (AP)—"Alpha," the electric mechanical man invented by Harry May, had made good his threat today to wreak vengeance upon his inventor.

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May was unable to explain how yesterday's accident occurred unless somebody in the audience said something which affected the iron man's mechanism.

Gandhi Training For Hunger Strike

BOMBAY, Sept. 19 (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi began training today for his "fast to the death" which is slated to begin tomorrow as a protest against the British government's solution of the Indian problem of Indian communal divisions.