

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; normal temperature; gentle changeable winds. Local weather Sunday: Max 76, min 50, rain .08 inch. Today: Min 50, at 7 a. m. 60, clear.

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WHEAT APPROACHES DOLLAR MARK

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Welcomed Home

PIERCE SAYS NATION NOW ON UP GRADE

Roosevelt Won't Hesitate To Use Reserve Forces to Push Improvement

IS IN ACCORD WITH PROGRAM

Believes Recent Session of Congress Was Most Important in History of the Nation.

Representative and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, expressing themselves as delighted at being home again, arrived in La Grande Saturday evening on the Portland Rose and were welcomed at the depot by the Blue Mountain Cowboys and a large delegation of townspeople. The ex-governor who suffered an illness while in Washington, D. C. has made a remarkable recovery and feels only slightly weaker than before, he said.

Mr. Pierce expects to be in Union county until next December when congress convenes for the regular session. He will maintain an office in the federal building with a stenographer to take care of his correspondence, while he will make his home at their ranch near La Grande.

"I regard the recent session of congress as the most important ever held," he declared. "The people of the west little realize the disaster that faced the country when Roosevelt was sworn into office in March. The entire business structure was trembling and about to fall. The first bill passed was the banking bill. It could not have been passed without my discussion on the floor or careful analysis unless it were absolutely necessary to save the business structure, he added.

Representative Pierce was the only man in the Pacific Northwest who voted for the presidents program on every issue. Representative Lee, of Los Angeles, had the same record. "The bill for farm relief, by some called the omnibus bill, was far from being what I wanted," he said. "However, it was the best that could be obtained." Representative Pierce was given a place on the agricultural committee, an exclusive body which ranks high in the house. No representative living west of the Missouri river has been on that committee since Hawley's term 12 years ago. It was at the request of Mr. Hawley that Pierce was given the position. The work of the committee was very enjoyable, the former governor said. The group is composed largely of lawyers and repre-

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MR. SPECKHART RETURNS HOME

John Speckhart returned Saturday evening on the Portland Rose from Quincy, Ill., where he had been since the first of the month, having been called by the tragic death of his brother. His nephew, Paul Speckhart, who has visited in this valley, is in a hospital at Jacksonville. He received a fractured pelvic bone in addition to other injuries in the same accident which took the life of his father.

LOCAL MAIL RATE DROPS

Official orders from the postoffice department for the decrease of the local letter rate from 3 to 2 cents, effective July 1, have been received at the local post office. This decrease applies only to letters mailed in La Grande for delivery in La Grande or on La Grande rural routes. Letters mailed in La Grande to outside addresses will require 3 cents.

WHEAT PRICE BRINGING CHEER

The seven-cent jump in the price of wheat on both the Chicago and Portland markets today is bringing considerable cheer to the farmers of the Grande Ronde valley and the whole northwest. Today's sensational rise, due mostly to continued hot, dry weather over the great mid-west wheat belt, with prospects for poor crops there, brings the local quotation to the fifty cent mark, the highest of the year. This will enable many who have been holding large quantities of the golden grain to make a little profit on their operations.

An increase of 7 cents per bushel in the price of wheat here means

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 26 (AP)—You talk about an earthquake hitting California, that was kindergarten stuff compared to the news that Sister Aimee had had a baby. It looked like a case of maternity by remote control. Science is so marvelous it is being confused with miracles, and it looked like birth control by electrical transcription. But now that the facts are all in, we find the visit to the hospital was to beautify the present generation and not to perpetuate the future. Yours, Will Rogers

LOCAL EAGLES DRILL TEAM WINS STATE CONTEST

Trophy Awarded La Grande Mixed Team in Face of Stiff Competition.

The drill team of the La Grandeerie of the Eagles lodge placed first in the mixed team competition at the state convention which closed Saturday in Burns, and will receive the large loving cup which is the trophy awarded for the honor. Judges described all the drill work at the convention as excellently presented, returning members of the local team.

Members of the team are: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hlatk, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clower, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robson, John Hopkins, John Lambert, Mrs. Mabel Miller, Mrs. Reba Hough, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Marovich, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patton, Mrs. Erna Gilmore, Mrs. George Frees and Fred Hoffmann, captain.

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DR. E. G. KIRBY IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Dr. E. G. Kirby passed away at his home here last night about 11:30 o'clock, following an illness of nearly three years.

Edwin Graves Kirby was born in Blair, Nebraska on Nov. 11, 1869. He attended grade and high school there. At the age of 17, with his parents he moved to Oregon, settling in the Willamette valley near Salem. He entered the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth and graduated from that institution. For a number of years thereafter he taught school. He then entered the University of Oregon Medical School, at that time located at Willamette university and received his M. D. degree in the class of 1900.

Immediately after graduation he moved to Elgin, Oregon where he set up his practice.

On Sept. 2, 1902 he married Anna May Peppas. The same year they went to New York where he took a post-graduate course in the university of the state of New York. From this union four children were born. The first child, a boy, Werle M., died when he was three years old. The remaining three children survive him. They are, Dorothy M.

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German Star to Wed Schmeling



Miss Anny Ondra, above, one of Germany's most beautiful film actresses, will become the bride of Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight champion, in July. Max announced on the eve of his departure from New York for his homeland.

INDIA AGREES TO PITTMAN SILVER PLAN

Will Co-operate in The Rehabilitation of Monetary Silver.

COUZENS SPEAKS AT CONFERENCE

Australia May Oppose Plans For Reduction of Wheat Acreage as Suggested by U. S.

By Dewitt MacKenzie (Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, June 26 (AP)—India indicated to the world economic conference today her willingness to co-operate in the rehabilitation of silver, as projected in the resolution of Senator Key Pittman.

This was authoritatively disclosed after a meeting of the conference all-India committee, at which Sir George Shuster, secretary of the treasury for India, was present.

Americans and others interested in the rehabilitation of silver said this was the most important event which

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LOCAL GOLFERS ARE DEFEATED

Pendleton golfers defeated a group of local men yesterday 88 to 17 on the Pendleton Country club course. Thirty-nine players comprised the La Grande team.

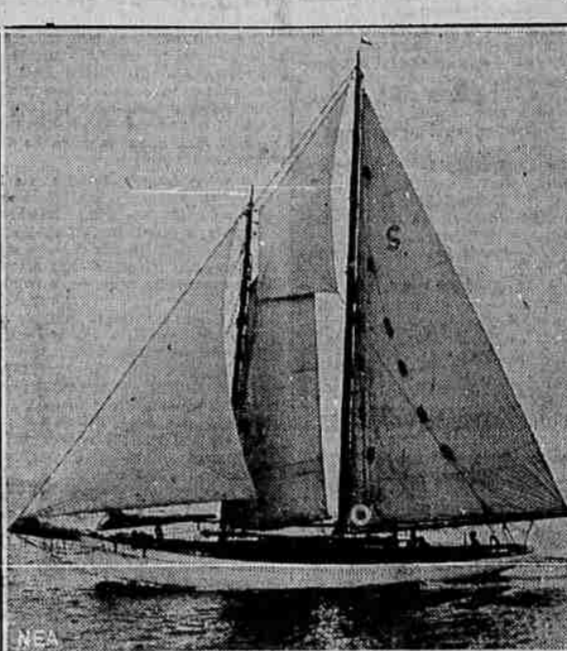
J. M. Watson was the low scorer among the local golfers, shooting a 75. The scores were: J. M. Watson, 75-0; C. H. Reynolds, 77-1½; L. Hay, 79-3; Hal Boone, 82-1½; F. E. Lanzer, 83-0; Jack Murphy, 84-0; C. W. Blinger, 84-½; B. Reynolds, 84-½; K. Siegrist, 85-1½; L. K. Kinzel, 85-½; W. C. Williams, 85-0; W. Siegrist, 87-2½; A. W. Nelson, 87-0; N. W. Frees, 87-½; W. Dolan, 88-1½; J. Haun, 88-0; A. Moore, 92-0; C. B. Seltz, 92-½; W. Ross, 93-0; H. Siegrist, 93-0; C. W. Thompson, 95-0; H. V. Lefel, 95-1; Fred Spaeth,

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ENJOYED HOTEL MEET

Don McKay, Nesdon Foye, manager of the Union hotel and Mrs. Foye attended the Inland Empire Hotel association convention Saturday at Wallowa Lake and report a most enjoyable as well as profitable session.

HERE IS THE PRESIDENT'S YACHT



Here is the yacht Amberjack II on which President Roosevelt is taking a rest from his arduous three months in office on a vacation cruise from Marblehead, Mass., to Buzzard's Bay and thence northward to his summer home at Campo Bello, N. H., off the coast of Maine. He is accompanied by his sons, Franklin Jr. and John.

AUMSVILLE BANK ROBBER CAUGHT

Nervousness Leads State Detective to Arrest Man in Restaurant.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 26 (AP)—Frank Wegener, 30, was arrested here at 12:10 a. m. today as he stepped off a southbound stage, and shortly after-

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Bomb Explosion in Vatican City Does Little Harm

By Andrew Herding (Associated Press Staff Correspondent)
VATICAN CITY, June 26 (AP)—The bomb which exploded yesterday in the portico of St. Peter's was manufactured in Spain and brought here by Demetrio Soloman, who carried a Spanish passport, the police declared today after they had arrested Soloman, charging him with planting the explosive.

The authorities asserted the explosion was the result of the present strained relations between the vatican and Spain following the pope's encyclical of June 3 and the late sentences excommunications of members of the Spanish government.

The bomb caused panic in a crowd of Holy year pilgrims. Four persons were injured but there was little property damage.

Aimee in Paris Hospital; Hoax Was for Purpose

PARIS, June 26 (AP)—Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson-Hutton, an American evangelist, may not receive visitors or communications for at least three weeks because of a serious illness necessitating an operation ten days ago to remove an intestinal obstruction.

Her physician Dr. Charles Bove issued these orders because, he said, the seriousness of her condition makes absolute quiet essential, although she is slowly improving and is expected to get well steadily. She is on a liquid diet.

Dr. Bove, a well known gynecologist and surgeon, was quoted in published statements as saying he personally sent a telegram to David L. Hutton, the evangelist's husband in Los Angeles, Saturday as a hoax telling of the birth of a son to Mrs. Hutton. He was quoted further saying the message was sent at the evangelist's request to discover a leak in private messages to Angelus Temple in Los Angeles. The trick was successful, he was reported to have said.

STEEL SLIVER DESTROYS EYE

Gus Seroukes lost the sight of one eye Saturday when a piece of steel about three-fourths of an inch long and a sixteenth of an inch in diameter was removed at the Grande Ronde hospital. It was necessary to remove the entire eyeball.

Mr. Seroukes was working at the Mt. Emily camp and was pounding on a rail when the piece of steel dislodged and struck straight into the eyeball.

Flour at Highest Price in 3 Years

MINNEAPOLIS, June 26 (AP)—Flour broke through the \$6 mark today for the first time in nearly three years. After an almost steady climb the last few months with temporary and minor setbacks, prices for family patents today reached \$6.05 to \$6.15 a barrel. The last time family patents were quoted at \$6 a barrel was in July, 1930.

As flour prices kept pace with wheat in the upward surge, millers here were plagued with shipping orders.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 26 (AP)—Excited trading which in volume surpassed wartime accompanied prices that soared more than 7 cents a bushel today for wheat.

Widespread conditions approaching crop failure seldom equaled in the United States were reported as a result of three weeks of abnormal heat and drought. Approximately 150,000,000 bushels of all grains changed hands here today as prices shot skyward.

Violent fluctuations took some deliveries of wheat to within nearly immediate reach of \$1.00 a bushel, a figure that seemed impossible of realization a few months ago when wheat was worth less than half that price.

In the last minute of trading, May wheat touched 99½ cents a bushel and closed at that figure. The wheat market as a whole closed firmer, 6½ to 7½¢ above Saturday's finish, corn 2½ to 3½¢ up, oats 4½ to 5½¢ advanced, and provisions showing a rise of 7 to 45 cents.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

BRANCH BANK IN PENDLETON MASSACHUSETTS GOES WET BANK CASHIER IS KILLED WHEAT SELLS AT \$1.00

PENDLETON, Ore., June 26 (AP)—Word reached here today that the comptroller of currency has approved the application of the United States National bank of Portland for permission to open a branch bank in Pendleton. Details of the plan are to be worked out soon, the announcement said. Pendleton has been without normal banking facilities since last October.

BOSTON, June 26 (AP)—Massachusetts through a constitutional convention, today ratified the amendment repealing the 18th amendment, becoming the seventh state to take such action. The vote was unanimous as the 45 delegates were elected on their pledge to vote for ratification.

LACROSSE, Ind., June 26 (AP)—William E. Tennel, cashier of the Lacrosse State bank, was killed today by one of five bandits who attempted to rob the bank. Tennel was slain when the bandit became angered because the safe in the bank was locked with a time lock.

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 26 (AP)—Dollar wheat appeared on the grain market here today for the first time in three years when ten cars sold for Texas gulf port and common point delivery at \$1.00½ per bushel.

HUGE WHEAT SHIPMENT TO ORIENT SOON

SEATTLE, June 26 (AP)—Five million bushels of wheat will be loaded here for the Orient, the Seattle port commissioner announced today as a result of a contract entered into with the newly organized Continental Pacific Grain corporation.

Full cargoes for twenty 8000-ton ships will be involved, the commissioner said in making public the deal. The wheat is part of 12,500,000 bushels sold by the U. S. government to China, the commissioner said. A one year lease of the Hanford street grain elevator was made by the commission. A previous lease to the Farmers' National Warehouse corporation expires the end of this month and the facilities will be taken over immediately by the new organization.

LIONS CLUB IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Parker Cook, of the University Lions club of Seattle, entertained the members of the Lions club here today with a group of vocal selections, accompanied by Miss Vivian Jordan, of La Grande.

The following members were introduced as new members of the club: Raymond O. Williams, M. E. Huffman, Don H. Fowler, and Fred Siegrist.

A communication from the state secretary was read. It showed the La Grande club as leading the state in the increase of membership so far this year.

INLAW LEAVE FOR STANFORD

President and Mrs. H. E. Inlow and children, Burke and Jen, left yesterday for Stanford university for an interesting summer. Mr. Inlow is president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

The president plans to take advanced courses in comparative education and attend the 10-day conference on counselling and guidance which will be held on the Stanford campus, submitting data regarding the counselling program at the local Normal school by request.

Mrs. Inlow will do advanced study in voice during the summer.

MAY WHEAT SOLD TODAY AT 99 CENTS

Excited Trading Raises Prices 7 Cents Above Saturday's Finish.

HIGHEST PRICES IN THIRTY MONTHS

Trading Volume Reaches 150,000,000 Bushels To Rival War Times — Drought is Cause.

CHICAGO, June 26 (AP)—A spectacular seven cent advance today, carried wheat prices to within whispering distance of the dollar a bushel line.

The May (1934) delivery sold at 99½ cents a bushel a few minutes before the close with the December up to 94½¢.

All grains reached the highest price of the season at the opening and in most cases the highest in 30 months or more. Reports of unabated heat and drought over the "bread baskets of the world" indicating sharply abridged crops of all grains were responsible for the wild rush to buy evinced by all interests.

The May (1934) delivery of wheat, the highest quoted option at this time of year, sold at 95 cents early, but this was not considered representative of the market as usually May is not actively traded in until autumn.

Corn surged up 1½ cents with December touching 88½ cents. Oats were 3 cents higher with the December reaching 48½¢.

When July wheat opened at 84½¢, it was almost exactly half a dollar a bushel higher than 44½¢ which was the final quotation December 31, 1932. July corn at 49½¢ was 23½¢ above the 27½¢ paid on the same date. Other grains were up in proportion.

After the first half of tremendous, but failed trading, grains had maintained their initial bulge and some were selling even higher. Trade was of vast proportions.

QUAKE KILLS 67 IN MALAY PORT

BATAVIA, Java, June 26 (AP)—Sixty seven persons were killed today in a Bencool earthquake which struck South Bencoolen, a seaport on the west of Java quivering over a wide area of California and Nevada.

The tremors, which at some places joggled crockery off shelves and rattled

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FIRE DAMAGES RESIDENCE HERE

Damages amounting to \$300 resulted from a fire this morning at a house on the corner of Greenwood and Monroe streets, owned by Frank Richardson, and occupied by G. R. Palmer. The fire department rushed to the blaze at 11:15 o'clock and the recall was sounded 16th an hour later at 12:05, firemen extinguishing the fire quickly and efficiently.

The blaze was caused by a defective flue in the kitchen and was put out before it spread to the rest of the house.

Today's Baseball

American League	R. H. E.
Washington	4 9 1
Cleveland	3 9 0
Batteries: Crowder, Russell and Sewell; Hildebrand, Hudlin and Mynatt.	
National League	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	8 14 0
Chicago	2 10 1
Batteries: Freitas, Peterson and Matjeki; Wyatt, Heving, Gregory and Grube.	

INQUIRING REPORTER

Each day as the Inquiring Reporter makes the rounds two persons will be stopped at random on the street corner and asked some question of the day. Through the courtesy of Manager C. M. Wright each interviewed will be granted two complimentary tickets to the Liberty Theater. The current attraction is Bebe Daniels in "Cocktail Hour."

The grange power bill, designed to provide for state development, distribution, sale at cost of water power and hydroelectric energy, will be put before the people on July 21 and in the meantime arguments are being offered pro and con.

Ed Mace, 906 Washington, says, "If and when a bill is offered where-in a commission can not give away, sell or lease to any private corporation a public utility, then it deserves our vote."

THE BARTER MOVEMENT IN ITS LAST PHASE

