

Expect To Ship 25 Cars Of Local Cherries To Market

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F. R. TO ACT SOON ON WAGES, HOURS

PICKING OF CHERRIES TO START SOON

Royal Annes and Bings Will be Ready For Harvesting Next Week.

QUALITY GOOD AND PRICES ARE FAIR

Present Price of Royal Annes Quoted at \$60 a Ton Against \$40 Paid By Canneries in 1932.

The annual cherry crop, for which the Grande Ronde valley is justly famous not only in this section but in national markets, will be ready for picking by next Monday, according to A. E. Erickson, of Erickson and Lottes, local fruit and produce dealers. Royal Annes and Bings will be picked first while the Lamberts will not be ready until the following Monday, July 24, he reports.

Winterkill, caused by the severe weather of early December, has cut the crop to about one-half of its usual size and where 25 cars of the black cherries were shipped to the eastern markets last year only about 15 will be sent this year. The frost was even more severe on the Royal Annes cutting the crop from 35 cars to about eight or 10 this year, Mr. Erickson adds. However, the quality of the surviving crop is good.

Shipment to begin soon. Shipment will begin simultaneously with picking since it is necessary to get the fruit on the market as soon as possible after it is picked from the trees to prevent it spoiling. As usual the Royal Annes will be sent to canneries in the western part of the state and the shipment is expected to include about 120 tons, 12

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Series of 1-Act Plays Scheduled For East Normal

A series of one-act plays are being prepared by the play production class and the J. H. Ackerman training school of the Eastern Oregon Normal school for assembly programs during the summer session. Miss Florence Day, instructor in English, is supervising the productions.

Miss Charlotte Dusenberry and Miss Frances Kelly are student directors for plays which are being presented by members of the play production class. Donna Holcomb, Mary Carter, Alta Knotts, Harriet Singleton, Pauline Conrad, and Waldo Gerards are preparing the play which will be given July 18 under the direction of Miss Charlotte Dusenberry. On July 25, Ted Thomson, Carl Johnson, Gladys Owen, and Edna Hofmann, coached by Miss Frances Kelly, will entertain the students with a play.

On July 19 and 21, students from the J. H. Ackerman training school will present two plays. Miss Gladys Billings and Miss Gladys Owen are directing these productions.

NEW WATER SYSTEM ACCEPTED IN 1892

Three projects were uppermost in the minds of La Grande people 40 years ago, according to the Oct. 28 issue of the La Grande Chronicle. The yellowed paper, taken from the wall of an abandoned cabin back of Hilgard recently, reveals that the topics of interest at that particular time was: the new water system, the lack of a telephone system, and a proposed railroad from La Grande to Cove.

Here are some news items of that day:

1. "La Grande is very much in need of a telephone system. The parties who have been promising an improvement of this kind ought to represent themselves or get out of the way and give some other place a chance."

2. "The water system having been received from the contractors, the same was placed in charge of the water superintendent Wednesday morning. A number of citizens at once proceeded to have water put in their homes. It is evident that there will be a large number of patrons." Another item: "In making tests of the water pressure Saturday a stream was thrown over the Pacific Coast elevator, and about 20 or 30 feet higher than the top of the roof. The building is nearly 120 feet high,

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 13 — This fellow Roosevelt can close the banks, he can tell industry how much to pay, and how many hours to work. He can hold back the sun, he can evaporate the water, but when he demands that a postmaster has to be able to read, that's carrying dictatorship too far.

When he takes the postmasters out of politics, he is monkeying with the very fundamentals of American political parties. How is the army going to fight if they don't get any of the loot!

I tell you this suggestion of his is bordering on treason, the idea of a postmaster being able to read! It looks like an undemocratic move to favor the college man, I tell you, he will ruin the Democratic party. We mustn't let him get away with it. Yours,

W. H. Rogers.

150 FARMERS PRESENT AT WHEAT MEET

New Agricultural Adjustment Act Outlined by Oregon State Men.

One hundred and fifty farmers, representatives of the more important wheat growers throughout the valley, were in La Grande this morning to attend a meeting at the Sacajawea

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WALLOWA VALLEY SEEKS \$100,000

ENTERPRISE, Ore., July 14 (Special) — Application for a government loan of \$100,000 is being made by the Wallowa Valley Improvement district, the loan to run 40 years at 4 per cent. This is made in an effort to arbitrate matters with bond holders and clear up the indebtedness of the district. Because of high taxes due to the bonds, this district has been on a tax strike for some time.

BAUMGART WRITES FOR PERIODICAL

"Call yourself a Democrat so everyone can hear you." That is the opening sentence of an article in the current Oregon Democrat, written by Otto H. Baumgart, president of the Young Democratic League of Union county.

The article is illustrated with a picture of Mr. Baumgart, whose home is in La Grande.

The quotations above are given by (Continued on Page Four)

Seeks Kidnaper



John King Ottley, Atlanta, Ga., banker, who is directing the search for the man who kidnaped him and held him for a \$40,000 ransom.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY-OFF TO BE AT BURNS SUNDAY

District finals in the American Legion junior league baseball play-offs are scheduled for Sunday at Burns, where a double header will be played with three teams competing—Burns, Ontario and La Grande.

The La Grande team, accompanied by Raymond O. Williams, will leave for Burns Saturday morning. At Burns, the three teams will draw to see which plays the morning game. The winner of this contest will play the team drawing a bye, the second game to be played Sunday afternoon.

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NO CHANGE IN WEATHER SEEN

Warm temperatures continued over the Pacific northwest today and the weather man predicted no change in temperature for tonight or Saturday. The outlook was for generally fair skies.

The maximum in La Grande Thursday was 92 above, the third consecutive day with the mercury at 90 or higher. This morning's minimum was 62 above, eight degrees warmer than Thursday's minimum.

REPAIR BREAK IN PIPELINE

Another break in the Beaver creek pipeline occurred yesterday and Horace Knapp, city water superintendent, had the water flow shut off for approximately two and a half hours repairing the leak. The clamps were placed on the pipeline on the Bartness place to remedy the trouble.

ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NEXT FRIDAY

Ten Measures on Ballot, Including Beaver Creek Pipeline Project.

SALES TAX AMONG BILLS SUBMITTED

Wet and Dry Vote to be Taken; Will Elect Delegates to Caucus to Decide on Repeal Question

Just a week from today and voters of Oregon will go to the polls to decide on a number of questions at a special election. Chief among the state issues, from point of interest, are the vote on repeal of the city laws, and the vote on the proposed sales tax referred to the people by the legislature.

In addition, La Grande people will vote on the question of issuing bonds for reconstruction of the Beaver creek pipeline.

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Eagles Prepare For Cove Picnic All Day Sunday

Races and games with prizes offered to the winners will be the feature of the day's entertainment when the Eagles meet on Sunday for their annual picnic at Cove. It was announced at a regular meeting last night at the hall. Transportation will be arranged for those who do not have automobiles, and they are asked to meet at the hall at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Each person will furnish his own lunch, but the picnic will furnish coffee, cream, sugar and lemonade. Members of the committee in charge are John Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hobson, J. H. Proffitt, Charles Hildebrand, Mrs. May Parker, Mrs. Frank Seward, Mrs. Pearl Patt and Mrs. Mabel Harris, representing both the Eagles and the auxiliary.

REV. HERTZOG MAKING READY FOR E. L. CAMP

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hertzog have returned from Wallowa Lake where they spent the past two days in preparing for the annual Epworth League institute which opens there on Monday, July 17. Mr. Hertzog is pastor of the First Methodist church.

Plane, Marital Crash Hurts Heal



In addition to his recent plane crash, Hoot Gibson, film cowboy, announced that his marriage to Sally Eilers, movie star, also crashed, and a divorce is impending. However, he seems to be recovering from both crashes, and he's shown with June Gale, San Francisco actress, both stating they're "madly in love."

Winning Team Of Golfers Dined By the Losers

The winners in the men's team match play at the La Grande country club were entertained last night by the losing team at the Binger cabin at dinner. Charles Binger headed the winners while Jack Murphy was captain of the losers and in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

Several guests were present in addition to the members of the two teams.

Members of the winning team are Mr. Binger, Ken Siegrist, Larry Bay, Bill Dolan, A. W. Nelson, Dr. W. K. Ross, Norman Freese, L. K. Kinzel, William Siegrist, Herman Siegrist, C. E. Bunting, Elton Barron, Dr. James Haun, Dr. J. E. Woodell, Dr. F. L. Ralston. Members of the losing team besides Mr. Murphy are Charles Reynolds, Harold Boone, W. C. Williams, Fred Spaeth, H. M. Howard, Fred Lanier, B. Reynolds, C. L. Thompson, G. B. Seitz, Homer Lefel, Hal Bohnenkamp, Dr. F. L. Tribe, C. W. Cook, Elmer McManus.

MAE NEILL ON VACATION TRIP

Miss Mae Neill, who teaches in Honolulu, T. H., is in La Grande visiting her mother, Mrs. Nellie Neill, and sister, Mrs. J. R. Martin. She plans to remain until late in August when she will return to the Islands to resume her teaching activities on Aug. 31.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

LINDBERGH IN THE AID

ROBBERS KILL OFFICER

TO RETURN MATERN

ITALIANS AT MONTREAL

BOTWOOD, Newfoundland, July 14 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Mrs. Lindbergh who arrived here this morning on their aerial mapping tour of the northland hopped off this afternoon for Cartwright, Labrador.

PHILADELPHIA, July 14 (AP)—Three robbers shot to death a policeman and stole a \$9,730 payroll he was guarding today in the factory office of the Allied Kid Co., near Fifth and Huntingdon streets.

MOSCOW, July 14 (AP)—The Tass (Russian) news agency announced today that Pilot Levanovsky hopped off from Khabarovsk in Eastern Siberia yesterday morning for Anadyr to pick up James Mattern, the American aviator, stranded there.

MONTREAL, July 14 (AP)—The Italian air armada led by General Italo Balbo appeared over Montreal at 12:25 p. m., eastern standard time today, having completed their 500 mile flight from Shedin, N. B.

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Three western states today were granted a total of \$1,259,976 for emergency relief work. Harry L. Hopkins, federal emergency director, announced he had allotted \$769,813 to Washington; \$47,204 to Nevada and \$452,953 to Oregon.

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—The public works administration today told how it intended to distribute \$115,513,610 as the first step in a program to create a million new jobs by October 1.

That \$115,513,610, Secretary Ickes announced, will be partitioned out this way: \$64,561,642 for federal public works; \$50,000,000 for roads in parks, forests, Indian reservations and public lands; \$952,968 for municipal water and sewer plants.

These brought to \$753,513,610 the total allocated from the \$3,300,000,000 fund made available less than a month ago. Already, President Roosevelt had approved the expenditure of \$235,000,000 on naval construction and \$400,000,000 on highways. An additional rivers and harbors program awaits the presidential "O. K."

"This (\$115,000,000) distribution," Ickes said, "is the first in the program of giving men work so that one million may be employed by October 1, in accordance with President Roosevelt's expressed wish."

Many projects pending. A "vast number" of additional projects are yet pending before the public works board which he heads, Ickes said, adding that only the non-controversial had been acted upon so far.

The biggest single amount in the items announced today was \$30,000,000 for the great Boulder Canyon power and irrigation project on the Colorado River. Besides this, the bureau of reclamation got \$5,000,000 for the Owyhee irrigation project and \$1,000,000 to finish the Vale project, both in Oregon.

The international boundary commissions were allowed \$1,528,000, chiefly for straightening the Rio Grande and controlling its flow under a treaty with Mexico. This was contingent upon Mexico's furnishing part of the funds.

The public works administration announced the \$64,000,000 federal program would provide 258,209 man-months of labor, or give a year's work to 21,517 men in every state of the union, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Oregon gets \$1,273,540. Allocations by states of the \$50,000,000 fund for forest, park and Indian roads under the public works fund was announced today by the (Continued on Page Three)

MAY ASK ALL BUSINESS TO ACCEPT LIMIT

Such Action Would Continue Until Various Codes Are Given Approval.

35 AND 40 HOURS OF WORK PLANNED

Minimum Scale is Expected to be \$14 For Labor and \$15 For Clerical and Store Help.

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Implementation of action by President Roosevelt for establishment of national minimum wages and maximum working hours was indicated today, but the method remained to be decided.

Two motivating factors apparently lead in that direction, the desire to boost purchasing power steadily and simultaneously to guard against excess production under way in attempts to take advantage of expected higher prices.

The plan, which would be voluntarily, would call for a general weekly level of 35 hours work at \$14 minimum wage for labor; and 40 hours with \$15 minimum for clerical and store help.

The prospect is for a general call for business and industry to join under a temporary, voluntary agreement to such a limit of working hours and wages.

Call Expected Soon. At a press conference, Hugh B. Johnson said as the administrator he believed, he would shortly ask the president to issue such a call, and that meantime he was gathering a tremendous volume of information needed to reach a decision.

The blanket agreement would be effective until individual industrial codes, which set up trade organizations to improve labor conditions and purchasing power and to eliminate undesirable practices such as overproduction and price cutting, can be approved.

The idea back of the general code is to get the purchasing power of American laborers and white collar workers increased immediately, so that before hot weather is over the "upward spiral" sought by President Roosevelt will have a substantial basis.

Codes have been coming in fast. It is probable the administration will drop the idea of calling for submission of every agreement by a definite early date, but the physical limitations of time needed to get each agreement in operation would (Continued on Page Three)

One of Escaped Convicts Slain In Bank Holdup

PARSONS, Kan., July 14 (AP)—A bank robber identified by officers as Kenneth Conn, one of eleven prisoners who escaped from the Kansas penitentiary May 30, was shot to death today in an attempted bank holdup at Altamont. A companion, seriously wounded, was identified as Alva Payton, another fugitive.

Sheriff W. C. Miller, of Labette county, said Payton had admitted his identity and informed his companion was Conn.

The death of Conn and capture of Payton account for six of the eleven men who escaped.

Lewis Bechtel and Frank Sawyer were recaptured in Oklahoma. Billy Woods and Clifford Dopson were captured near San Angelo, Texas, by Federal customs officers. With the exception of Sawyer, the six prisoners accounted for were all in the group which split away from the Underhill-Bailey band.

All the convicts at large, in addition to their leaders, Underhill and Bailey, are sought in the Kansas city killings.

They are: Ed Davis, Jim Clark and Bob (Big Boy) Brady.

Mr. Roosevelt Isn't The Only Collector of Boat Prints



WILL RECESS WORLD MEET ON JULY 27

Steering Committee of Economic Conference Reaches Decision Today

LONDON, July 14 (AP)—The steering committee of the world economic conference decided today to recess the worldwide party on July 27. All committees were notified to have their complete reports ready by next Friday.

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NOTE RECEIVED FROM O'CONNELL

ALBANY, N. Y., July 14 (AP)—Johnny O'Connell is alive and well—his family expressed this belief today after receiving a note signed by the kidnaped 24-year-old nephew of two politically powerful O'Connell brothers.

The note addressed to the missing youth's uncle Dan, directed the O'Connells to submit a new list of intermediaries, the 22 Albany men offered as negotiators having been rejected by the kidnapers.

While the note—the first received since Tuesday—bearing the authentic signature of John J. O'Connell Jr., brought relief and joy to the family, it opened the possibility at least, interest in the abduction in New York City where the names of the new go-betweens was published.

RANSOM NOTES RECEIVED

ALTON, Ill., July 14 (AP)—Two notes demanding ransom for August Luer, 77 year old Alton banker, have been received by Luer's family, it was announced today. Agents for the family said neither note bore Luer's hand writing.

TENNIS CLUB BEGINS PLAY

The championship tournament of the La Grande Tennis association opened this morning at 8 o'clock with matches scheduled for three days. Winners of the morning sets have not been announced yet.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 14 (AP)—Abrupt upturn swept wheat prices late today to new record peaks, with public speculative buying again on a large scale.

A sharp reversal of early weakness of Winnipeg wheat quotations accompanied the late rise of values here, and there were reports that temperatures in parts of the Canadian wheat-belt had fallen as low as 49. With forecasts indicating no material change from near freezing weather, traders expressed anxiety as to the safety of the Canadian crop.

Wheat closed buoyant at the day's topmost figures, 2 1/4 @ 1 1/2 above yesterday's finish, corn 1 1/2 @ 2c up, oats unchanged to 1/2c higher, and provisions varying from 7c decline to a rise of 12c.

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. Wight each interviewed will be granted two complimentary tickets to the Liberty Theatre. The current attraction is Robert Montgomery and Sally Eilers in "Made on Broadway."

"Would you support a dictator president?" Leola Latham, 306 1/2 Third Street, says, "A dictator president would be all right if the right man were in power. However, to be on the safe side, I believe the people should have a voice in the government."