

Rev. R. E. Close, Kidnaped, Escapes By Using His Wits

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LITHUANIAN OCEAN FLIERS KILLED

Local Wheat Price Moves Up To 70 Cents Per Bushel

GAINS BRING MORE CHEER TO GROWERS

Only a Few Sales Made Locally Since Wheat Hit the 65-Cent Level.

STOCKS IN WALL STREET BUOYANT

Cotton Jumps \$2 a Bale to New High Ground—Markets Over All the Nation Are Bullish.

Rising price of wheat continued to bring cheer to grain growers of the nation today, and in La Grande the cash price moved up to 70 cents, setting a new high mark for the last three years.

Only a few small sales have been made since the 5-cent level was reached and growers still hold about 100,000 bushels of 1932 wheat.

In Chicago wheat closed 3 1/2-3 3/4 above Saturday's finish and corn and oats also advanced.

STOCKS MOVE HIGHER

NEW YORK, July 17 (AP)—Stocks joined commodities in a broad upward thrust today.

In a turnover approximately 6,500,000 shares leading issues on the New York stock exchange climbed 1 1/2 to around 48.

Alcohol shares, together with those of rubber, and metal companies, furnished most of the fireworks, although the advance was general.

Cotton rose about \$2 a bale into new high ground as grains and shares soared.

Crude rubber futures had a maximum appreciation of a cent a pound.

Stocks appeared to have been inspired by the sensational gains of wheat, and new highs for the year were many, although some old-time favorites, including U. S. Steel and American Telephone, failed to pierce their previous peaks.

Final prices were somewhat under the highs due to profit-taking.

Heat Wave Here Broken Sunday; Highest Mark 99

After the mercury moved up to 99 above Saturday afternoon and went no lower than 71 above Saturday night, a cooling breeze early Sunday morning took the edge off the heat wave that existed during most of last week.

Sunday's maximum was 88 above, much cooler than the previous day, and the minimum last night was 58 above, 15 degrees cooler than the night before.

Many points in the Pacific northwest had maximums of 100 or higher Saturday. The 99-above mark here was the second warmest day of the season.

WIGHT SPEAKS AT LIONS CLUB LUNCH TODAY

C. M. Wight, in charge of the program at the Lions club luncheon today at noon at the Sacajawea Inn, furnished an impromptu program when it was learned that W. C. Williams, who was to have given a talk, had been called to Pendleton this morning.

Mr. Wight first called on Homer Letell and Harry McCarthy to give some experience in their lives before they were 18 years of age, and then gave a talk himself on the subject: "The Problem of Handling the Public in the Theatre Business."

1,000,000 DOLLAR BILLS -- 96 MILES!

If local wheat prices were to reach the dollar mark, and if the Grande Ronde 1933 crop were to be 1,000,000 bushels, that would mean a million-dollar wheat yield for this county.

Now, just how much money is a million dollars?

Take, for example, if it were divided into dollar bills. The new currency—at least the bill we have—measures 6 1/16 inches in length on the wooden ruler that has seen a lot of service at our desk.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 16—It's a good thing the Italians landed in sea planes. If they had landed on the ground they wouldn't have had room to land for Italians.

Well they have great cause to rejoice. You know where the idea come from, don't you? Freddy Roosevelt, when he sent the fleet around the world. There was a lot of Mussolini in that old boy.

I will bet you that this Willy Post makes it around the world and breaks his own record.

I would have liked to have been in there with Post instead of the robot. And I could have if I had known as much as it does.

Well, the unemployed will be coming in pretty soon from the London conference, Yours,

Willy Rogers

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LA GRANDE BAND WILL AGAIN PLAY AT THE ROUND-UP

The La Grande band will again furnish music for the annual Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon this year. It was announced today.

Final word from the Round-Up association has been received and will be given in detail at tonight's rehearsal of the band, to be held at the Christian church at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

The La Grande band has played at the Round-Up and Happy Canyon for many years, and is regarded as almost inseparable with the two events in Pendleton.

RED & WHITE CO. PICNIC HELD AT MEACHAM LAKE

Close to 500 persons, owners and employees of Red & White stores and their families of the Walla Walla-La Grande unit, picnicked yesterday at Meacham Lake. It was the fourth annual picnic of the organization. Staffs, operators and employees of the Interior Grocery company, wholesalers for the Red & White in this section, also made up the party.

A cafeteria style dinner was served at noon time, this followed by an afternoon of games, races and other contests. Lee Reynolds and George Barnhart of the La Grande unit were

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EAGLES PICNIC AT COVE SUNDAY

About 200 attended the annual Eagles picnic at Cove yesterday and enjoyed games, races, swimming and a basket lunch. John Hopkins and Mrs. May Parker were general chairmen; Oscar Hobson, William Blanchard, Mrs. Mabel Harris and Mrs. Frank Patt were in charge of the sports, and other members of the committee were J. R. Proffitt, Charles Hildebrand, Mrs. Frank Seward, Mrs. Mabel Harris, Mrs. Oscar Hobson.

Races began at 10 o'clock in the morning with Arlene Patt winning a box of animal crackers in the children's race; George Ferre won a box of candy in the race for boys from 8 to 10; Zac Lilly, a box of candy in the boys' race from 10 to 14 years; Florence Schultz, girls from 10 to 14.

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A. A. U. W. TO HOLD MEETING IN LA GRANDE

State Convention of University Women Scheduled For Oct 13 and 14.

COMMITTEES ARE PLANNING PROGRAM

Visitors Invited to Remain Over Sunday For a Trip to the Wallowa Lake Wonderland.

The La Grande branch of the American Association of University Women will entertain college women from all branches in the state at the annual state conference on Oct. 13 and 14. Miss Jean White, president of the local group, is general chairman in charge of the arrangements for the two-day conference and is being assisted by the following com-

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"Aftermath" To Be Staged Here At M. E. Church

"The Aftermath" is the title of a ten-act and powerful drama which will be presented in the auditorium of the Methodist church here at 8:00 o'clock next Wednesday evening, July 19, by two nationally famous actors, authors, and lecturers, Henry B. Hall

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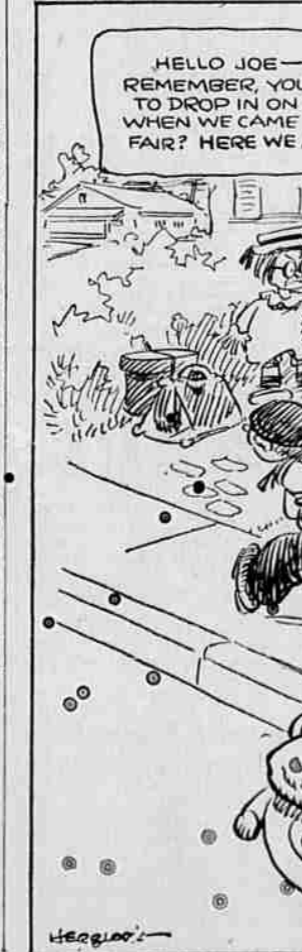
View From Top Of Mt. Emily Given High Praise

William Hiker, of Los Angeles, who has traveled extensively over the country and who has seen practically all of the national parks in the United States, gave high praise to the view from the top of Mt. Emily here last week.

Hiker, who is visiting T. H. Moore in La Grande, was taken up the mountain by his host and, after enjoying the view, the Californian declared that he had never before seen such a splendid view.

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AMONG THE DANGERS OF LIVING IN CHICAGO



Kidnapers Terrorize Three Families



Here are more victims of the reign of terrorism created by kidnaping activities throughout America. Above, left to right: August Luer, aged wealthy Alton, Ill., banker, kidnaped by a gang that beat him and his wife (below) in their home; John J. O'Connell Jr., Albany, N. Y., held under a demand for \$250,000 ransom; "Jake the Barber" Factor, wealthy Chicagoan, released after 12 days on payment of \$50,000 ransom. Below, the Luer home, scene of attack and abduction.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TEAM BEATEN AT BURNS BY 1 RUN

Defeating La Grande 3 to 2, the Burns American Legion junior league baseball team won the title for this district at Burns Sunday. Both teams performed in fine style.

Last year La Grande defeated Burns in the final, and this year the situation was simply reversed.

In the ninth inning, with two out, La Grande got two men on base and prospects appeared great for an old-fashioned rally, but Sullivan, Burns center fielder, caught a high fly and retired the side.

The game was close throughout, with neither team at any time enjoying much advantage. Twice La

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Fine Catch of Rainbow Trout Exhibited Here

One of the finest catches of Rainbow trout made in this section in recent years is on display today at the Roy Parnam Supply Co. store, the fish caught by Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bramwell and Leo Hansen.

The fish, caught on the lower Grande Ronde Sunday, were mostly large, measuring up to nearly two feet in length. The largest weighed two and one-quarter pounds dressed.

GIRL IS SUFFERING FROM A BROKEN NOSE

Gracia Haggerty, of Union, broke her nose while playing in the water recently and has been receiving treatment at the Bouvy hospital.

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ANTI-LIQUOR LEAGUE HEAD TELLS STORY

Rev. R. E. Close, Abducted by Two Men, Holds Them Up With Pen and Pencil

PORTLAND, Ore., July 17 (AP)—Rev. R. E. Close, superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Liquor League, reported to police here today that he was abducted by two men shortly after midnight, that they demanded \$12,000 ransom, and that he escaped from them near McMinnville, after knocking one man from the automobile and threatening the other with a fountain pen which, in the darkness, he held as a revolver.

Close said he was home alone when two men awakened him sometime after midnight. They menaced him

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ROOSEVELT HAS A SLIGHT COLD

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt has a slight cold and he remained in the residence part of the White House today to transact such business as was before him.

He contracted a cold riding to Washington last night in an open car from Benedict, Maryland, in a dizzying rain.

The cold was described by his secretary, Marvin H. McIntyre, as "slight." It required no medical attention.

Mr. Roosevelt arranged to see a few callers.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 17 (AP)—Broad public speculative buying that took in all grains instead of being confined largely to wheat carried every cereal nearly straight upward today.

Wheat gained a maximum of 5 1/2c and reached \$1.27 1/4 a bushel, compared with about 43 cents a bushel early in 1933. Destruction of Canadian wheat crops as result of many adverse conditions was reported as progressing today, and there were also reports that European crops were going backward because of untimely rains. The 1933 wheat production of 12 countries was estimated as 19.1 per cent below 1932.

Wheat closed unsettled, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4 cents above Saturday's finish, corn 1 1/2 @ 2 1/2 cents up, oats 1 1/2 @ 1 3/4 advanced, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 20c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SAYS HARRIER INNOCENT

HARRIMAN MISSING AGAIN

ROOSEVELT DIVORCED

TO AID IRRIGATION

GRANTS PASS, July 17 (AP)—Declaring that John Alvin Harrier, 17, is innocent of the murder of State Policeman Milo Baucum by the evidence the state itself introduced that Harrier was a good boy with no criminal record until 19 days ago, while his grown companion Harry Bowles has terms in both, Iowa reformatory and San Quentin behind him, Attorney W. T. Miller today closed the case for Harrier after offering only two witnesses in his behalf, his father and his mother.

NEW YORK, July 17 (AP)—Joseph W. Harriman, former chairman of the Harriman National Bank and Trust company, disappeared today for a second time from the Regent nursing home in East 61st street. Harriman is under bail of \$25,000 on a federal indictment charging alteration of the books of the bank. He attempted suicide after his first disappearance from the nursing home, May 19.

MINDEN, Nev., July 17 (AP)—Elliott and Elizabeth Dunier Roosevelt were divorced in the district court here today. Doors were barred to all except the president's son, court officials and attorneys during the brief hearing, which ended with awarding of the decree to Mrs. Roosevelt on her cross-complaint charging extreme cruelty.

SALEM, July 17 (AP)—Oregon will receive between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 for its irrigation and drainage districts, Charles E. Stricklin, secretary of the reclamation board, was advised today. The funds will be obtained under the federal emergency farm mortgage act for refinancing purposes.

LOS ANGELES, July 17 (AP)—A suit for divorce was filed by David Hutton, baritone singer, against Allice Semple McPherson-Hutton, the evangelist, in superior court today.

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Score: R. H. E. Cove 10 21 4 Island City 3 11 3

Batteries: Cove—Hereford, Do Borden, Alexander and Alexander, Murchison. Island City—Worshley and Bokland.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO GIVE PROGRAM

A combined program of drama and music will be presented tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, by the students of the J. H. Ackerman Training school, supervised by Miss Jennie Peterson, head of the music department.

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GIRENAS AND DARIUS DEAD IN POMERANIA

Airplane Crashes in Tree-Tops in Apparent Attempt to Land Safely

WILEY POST WELL ALONG HIS ROUTE

Round-the-World Flier Leaves Moscow For Siberia—Italian Fliers Peted in Chicago.

By The Associated Press

Wiley Post, making the first solo flight around the world, left Moscow for Siberia today 13 hours and two minutes ahead of the time he and Harold Gatty made to that point two years ago.

On that flight, which established a record which still stands, Post and Gatty stayed 11 hours and 30 minutes in Moscow. Today Post stayed there only two hours and 53 minutes, taking off for Novosibirsk at 9:12 a. m., eastern standard time.

When he left Moscow he was 53 hours and two minutes out of New York, which he left Saturday. When Post and Gatty left Moscow they were 58 hours and four minutes out of New York.

Post required but 25 hours for his flight from New York to Berlin.

Two Fliers Killed As Post was pushing on around the world from his last stop in Germany Stephen Darius and Stanley Girenas, who left New York Saturday on a projected non-stop flight to Lithuania, crashed in Pomerania and were killed.

With their gasoline tank empty, the former Lithuanians were forced to land and it was believed they mistook the tops of trees for a meadow. Their mangled bodies were found beneath their plane. At the time of the crash, they were within 400 miles of their destination, where thousands awaited their arrival.

The Lithuanians struck the same patch of bad weather which forced

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Luer Is Freed; Hope O'Connell May Be Released

By The Associated Press

A belief was held today in Albany, N. Y., that kidnapers of John J. O'Connell Jr., member of a politically powerful family, might free him in New York City. Bolstering this feeling was the disclosure that two notes received by his family were postmarked in the metropolitan area.

August Luer, aged banker of Alton, Ill., freed yesterday by a kidnap gang, told of being detained five days in a sub-basement. Many believe a \$10,000 ransom was paid; the banker's son denies it.

Two ex-convicts were seized yesterday at Cicero, Ill., in the kidnaping of John Factor, speculator, who was freed on payment of \$50,000 ransom. The pair, Martin O'Leary and Carl Fontana, were taken in a hotel formerly a Capone stronghold.

At San Diego, Calif., police guarded the home of a former president of Mexico, Pascual Ortiz Rubio, who received kidnap threats by telephone.

Today's Baseball

National League R. H. E. FIRST GAME: Brooklyn 2 7 2 Pittsburgh 14 16 1

Batteries: Carroll, Shaute, Helmach, Ryan and Lopez, Outen; Swift and Grace.

SECOND GAME: R. H. E. Brooklyn 0 7 0 Pittsburgh 7 16 0

Batteries: Bengt, Thurston, Shaute and Lopez; Swetonic and McIntosh.

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 Sylvia Sydney and George Raft in "Pick Up."

It won't be long now, says Harold Arundel Lafont, federal radio commissioner, until television will be a reality in homes and the sets will be as compact and as easy to operate as radios.

Walter Williams, Island City, says, "Television will be a success in time because science is getting to the point where they attain perfection. It will be an addition to the home in spite of the fact that there are some awfully funny radio stars that we will have to look at."

Miss Anita Erickson, May Park, "I don't know much about the mechanics of television but I think that it will take its place along with telephones, radios and electric lights, and it won't be confined only to the homes."