

Tourist Travel Through La Grande Exceeds Last Year

La Grande Is The Gateway to Wallowa, "The Switzerland of America"

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Out of State Cars Passing Through City in July Totalled 354.

MANY VISIT THE WALLOWA COUNTRY

Large Number of Cars Stop Overnight in La Grande on Their Way to the East and West.

Tourist traffic mounted by leaps and bounds during the month of July in La Grande, and indications are that it will continue at a high mark during August. Also, a large number of passing cars are either spending the night in this city, or are being turned to Wallowa lake for a short vacation there.

Records at the chamber of commerce office reveal that at this time a year ago 720 cars from out of the state had registered. Today the mark stood at 1026, a gain of 306.

Also, the July registration amounted to 354, by far the heaviest so far in any one month in 1933. If one figured four to the car, that would mean 1416 out-of-state visitors here during last month.

As an example, four motorists registered last night late enough to indicate they had spent the day traveling and would rest in La Grande until this morning.

Tourist literature, particularly dealing with Eastern Oregon, is submitted to each person registering, and each one also is asked if his party has seen Wallowa lake. If not, an attempt is made to interest them in the Switzerland of America, and in many cases, this proves successful. Best of all, reports Harold Boone, secretary, many drop in on the return trip from the lake resort and express gratitude at the "tip" to see

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County Is Given \$5559 On Basis Of School Count

Apportionment of \$289,332 interest on the irrefutable school fund in Oregon was announced Tuesday by George Brown, secretary of the state land board which has charge of the fund.

The per capita apportionment was made on the basis of \$1.11 per pupil for the 260,660 children between the ages of four and 20 years.

Receipts by counties included: Union, with 5009 school population, \$5,559.00.

Last year with 263,111 pupils the interest was apportioned at the rate of \$1.20 per pupil for a total fund of \$315,733.

CITY BEGINS PATCHING OF STREETS HERE

The city this morning began its annual task of patching pavement in both the residential and business districts — wherever repair is required.

City Manager A. McAllister expects the work to take a week or ten days to complete. The regular city crew is doing the patching with the addition of a few men.

FIRST OPEN SEASON ON ELK SINCE 1907

Interest continues to run high among hunters in the plans for the opening of an elk season in Union, Umatilla, Baker and Wallowa counties next October. Incidentally, it will be the first legal elk shooting since the fall of 1907 — a period of 27 years.

The game commission has issued detailed information regarding the open seasons as follows:

When elk were closed to sportsmen in 1908, state game officials estimated there were not more than 1000 elk in the state. Now, they declare that there are not less than 12,000 of these rangy animals in Oregon mountains and that the state legislature was justified last winter when it ordered bull elk opened to slaughter for three days in four north-eastern counties.

The open season this fall will be October 23, 24 and 25, the final three

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1 — Yesterday before breakfast the United States treasury offered \$850,000,000 worth of bonds, and before they had reached the ham and eggs they were all sold.

That means sold and paid for, and salted away, not part paid for, and the rest on margins, till you sold 'em over the ticker to somebody else. If industry could interest some permanent buyers like Roosevelt can in his business then they could truly call themselves industrialists.

As it is now, they are just manufacturing dice for Wall street to shoot craps with. Nobody is buying a pair to keep. Yours,

W. H. Rogers

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40 BOYS OF LA GRANDE TO ATTEND CAMP

Equal Number From Baker, 15 From Union Plan Outing on Creek.

Final plans were made last evening at the L. D. S. church for the Caribbean "boys' camp" which opens next Monday. David B. Stoddard presided and went over food requirements, transportation and bedding equipment with about 40 boys of La Grande. It is expected that about 15 will go from Union and 40 are planning on joining the camp from Baker. Provisions will be provided by parents on a troop basis, divided into

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Hiking Praised As Educational Outdoor Sport

That hiking is one of the most interesting as well as educational outdoor sports is the opinion of Harvey Carter, who gave a clever talk on the subject of hiking before the students and faculty members of the Eastern Oregon Normal school Tuesday.

Mr. Carter's speech was the main feature of the weekly assembly. In the opinion of Mr. Carter, La Grande is admirably located for enjoying this sport. Not only are there many good hiking trails available, such as the Morgan lake, Mt. Emily, Rooster peak, and Deal's Canyon trails, but they also have the added advantage of being easily accessible.

According to the speaker, there are two kinds of hikes, educational and pleasure. Many children like to hike so that they can observe nature and learn about industries; while most adults hike to get away from their work and to relax.

Another very interesting feature of the assembly was a group of select-

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M'CAFFREY IN AUDITING WORK

H. MacCaffrey has accepted a position as auditor to several local physicians. In addition to general book work, Mr. MacCaffrey will supervise collection of accounts. He is located in suite 13, second floor in the Sacajawea Annex.

SUSPECT HELD



E. Basset Curtis, Oakland accountant, was arrested in San Diego as a suspect in the brutal murder of 7-year-old Dalbert Aposhian in San Diego. He is to be taken to San Diego to face the boys parents.

PIERCE SPEAKS ON N. R. A. PLAN AT ROTARY CLUB

Representative Walter M. Pierce was the speaker at the weekly meeting of the Rotary club at the La Grande hotel this noon, and expressed his conviction that the only thing American business men can do under

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GEN. JOHNSON ANSWERS SEVERAL QUESTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP) — Here, briefly, are answers to some diversified questions on industrial recovery, made by Hugh S. Johnson in response to queries by newspaper men in recent conferences:

Will government contracts with private industry be adjusted to meet rising prices? Johnson will recommend to President Roosevelt that legislative sanction be given such adjustments.

Are public utilities included in the scope of President Roosevelt's blanket wage and hour agreement? They are, exclusive of railroads, which are under the interstate commerce commission.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD WAITS INSTRUCTIONS

Oregon Projects Forced to "Mark Time" Until Data Comes From Capital.

DANA, ADVISORS UNABLE TO ACT

La Grande Projects Also Forced to Wait; State to Ask More Money For Five Bridges.

Public works projects in Oregon are at a temporary stand still because of delay in getting the newly named federal boards in operation. As a result, projects already filed are "marking time," and in some cases, projects ready to file are being held in abeyance pending definite instructions.

This holds true for La Grande and Union county projects as well as others over the state.

Marshall N. Dana, newly appointed regional administrator, and his board of three advisors can take no action on the various projects until they receive further instructions from Washington on the exact procedure they must follow. It is expected, however, that these instructions will be forthcoming in the immediate future, and that the board then will begin work "full speed ahead."

In the meantime word comes from Salem that due to recent price increases, the state is seeking \$4,000,000

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KIDNAPED MILLIONAIRE FREED



The entire state of Oklahoma is engaged in a manhunt for the kidnappers of Charles F. Urschel, multimillionaire oil man of Oklahoma City, who was kidnaped from a bridge game in his home the night of July 22 and freed yesterday. Mrs. Urschel, upper left, wealthier in her own right than her husband, and the widow of Tom Silek, "king of the wildcaters," took a leading, but background part in negotiations for Urschel's return. Arthur Seelgson, upper right, co-trustee of the Silek oil millions, returned from the east this week to aid in the negotiations. E. E. Kirkpatrick, lower, business associate of Urschel, was the temporary "go-between."

HEAT WAVE HITS EASTERN STATES; 27 LIVES TAKEN

SLIGHTLY WARMER HERE The weather warmed up somewhat in La Grande yesterday, with the maximum 92 above in spite of occasional clouds during the day. The minimum this morning, however, was six degrees cooler than yesterday but an 18-degree jump was recorded between the low point and 7 a. m., when the mercury stood at 68 above. The sky remained partly cloudy.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (AP) — An eastern heat wave that has taken 27 lives in the New York metropolitan area alone steamed into its fifth day today.

Possible thunder showers were the

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WHEAT SAVED BY CHANGE IN WIND

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 2 (AP) — A sudden and unexpected change in the wind today saved about 1200 acres of wheat from being destroyed by fire on the Collins-Banfield ranch near Adams.

The fire is believed to have started from the exhaust of a truck in the harvest fields. It gained headway rapidly and burned 100 acres of grain before the wind shifted to favor farmers and harvest hands who had been working desperately in an attempt to smother the flames.

It had appeared for a time that the ranch buildings, equipment and two sections of ripe wheat might be destroyed.

WILMA FLACK VISITS HERE

Miss Wilma Flack, of Los Angeles, who has been visiting in the east and at the Century of Progress exposition in Chicago, arrived in La Grande yesterday where she was met by Mrs. Margaret McDonald and Bill Marsh. She will be the guest of Mrs. McDonald at the latter's summer home at Wallowa Lake during the month of August.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 2 (AP) — For the first time in almost a week, grain traders today could do business in volume of other than maximum price limits up or down.

Higher prices formed the rule, and at no time did leading grains show any evidence of declining to bottom fixed levels which were made effective yesterday for a period of two years. An outstanding feature today was evening up of speculative accounts in all the pits, especially closing of spreads between wheat and corn, with wheat being sold and corn bought.

Wheat closed firm, 2 1/4 @ 3 1/4 above yesterday's finish, corn 3 1/4 @ 3 1/2 up, oats 1 1/4 @ 2 1/4 advanced, and provisions varying from 2c decline to a rise of 12c.

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

FIND BODY IN LAKE

THREE TROOPERS KILLED

UPTON CLOSE IS BARRED

SAWMILLS INCREASE PAY

COVE NECK, N. Y., Aug. 2 (AP) — A pet terrier, barking wildly, led last night to the discovery in a shallow lake of the body of Mrs. Samuel L. Hertron, 67-year-old society matron and wife of a millionaire banker. Heart disease is believed to have caused her death.

LEWISTON, Me., Aug. 2 (AP) — Four youthful foresters of America's conservation army today were dead — victims of the state's most severe electrical storm of the season. Eight others were recovering in a hospital from the shock of a lightning bolt which struck several tents in the civilian conservation corps camp near here last night.

TOKYO, Aug. 2 (AP) — Rengo (Japanese) news agency reported from Dairen, Manchuria, today that the American writer, Josef Washington Hall, the pen name of Upton Close, was barred from Manchuria, and Japan's Southern Manchuria railway zone as an undesirable alien.

LONGVIEW, Wash., Aug. 2 (AP) — Higher wage scales prevailed today among mill and woods workers of the Weyerhaeuser and Long-Bell lumber companies. Both increased the scale to 42 1/2 cents.

MORE CREDIT FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (AP) — President Roosevelt wants new credit "made available to all classes of our citizens" so business may be "re-established on a permanent, workable basis."

That was the chief executive's request as made public last night in an address by Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the reconstruction corporation. A billion dollars, or even a half a

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THE ROLL OF HONOR



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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 Theatre. The current attraction is Sylvia Sidney in "Jennie Gerhardt."

Is co-operative farm marketing a success? Mrs. E. F. Skinner, 2615 North Depot, believes that "co-operative marketing could be a success if all of the farmers would pull together, co-operation is the main essential to the success of co-operative marketing." Charles Devine, Sacajawea Annex, says, "Co-operative marketing seems to be a success and it is helping the farmers to sell their produce through combining."