

Lightning Kills Cattle On The Alex Robertson Farm

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PART OF DENVER IS UNDER WATER

FOUR BOLTS HIT MARKS IN THIS DISTRICT

Mortier's Barn on North Side Hit by Lightning; Small Fire Started.

TWO TRANSFORMERS ARE BURNED OUT

Three Separate Storms Hit County—Quarter of an Inch of Rain Falls in La Grande.

Three separate electrical storms swept over Union county yesterday afternoon, the first resulting in lightning striking at least four times.

Two cows at the Alex Robertson farm in the Grange Hall district near here were killed by a bolt. The cows were in a field and were about 30 feet apart. The owners were unaware of the loss until a neighbor called to tell them of the lightning's destruction of the two animals. One of the two was listed as their best cow.

Two transformers hit. Two bolts struck along the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co. lines but city service was not interrupted. In each case a transformer was burned out.

Accompanying the storms locally was a quarter of an inch of rain, the first since the middle of July when more than half an inch fell during an electrical storm.

Another electrical storm, accompanied by heavy showers, hit La Grande shortly after the noon-hour today.

Three Separate Storms. The first storm hit La Grande, Island City, Imbler and Elgin, according to reports. The second storm went across the valley between Elgin and Union, striking in the Cove district. The third started in the Rock Creek area and went into the North For-

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Favors New Law To Stop Buying From Children

A suggestion by City Manager Angus McAllister that the city draw up a new ordinance relative to second hand stores purchasing articles of merchandise from minors was received with favor at the city commission meeting last night, and E. R. Ringo, city attorney, was authorized to prepare such an instrument. Today he is going to Portland and hopes to examine the Portland ordinance while there.

The city manager said that the police was having some trouble from children stealing merchandise and then selling it under assumed names to some of the second hand dealers. He suggested that the ordinance make it unlawful for stores to buy merchandise from minors. It was brought out that not all of the second hand

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COUNTY COURT STILL BUSY ON MONTH'S BILLS

The members of the Union county court met today for the second day of their monthly session and spent the entire morning auditing July county bills. They expect to get to the docket this afternoon. They are meeting in the office of County Judge U. G. Couch at the court house.

MANY LOOP DRIVES BECKON ON SUNDAYS

Where to go Sunday? It isn't too hot to enjoy a long car ride, there are a number of interesting loop drives in this section which may appeal to the week-ender who doesn't plan on taking too long a trip.

WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 2 — If it's as hot back east as the California papers say it is, there is no use me writing you; I should just send flowers to the funerals. (Excuse me while I put some wood on this fireplace here in the room; looks like we will never have any summer).

This is fiesta week in Santa Barbara, the most colorful event in California, the home of yellow horses and silver saddles. Yours, Will Rogers.

NEW NUMBERS ON LEGION SHOW AT ZUBER SATURDAY

The American Legion vaudeville which will be a feature of the opening of the remodeled Zuber hall Saturday evening is assuming large proportions, according to Raymond O. Williams, chairman of the committee, and additional numbers are yet to come.

Among the additional numbers will be Lou Levitt and his Dragons who will be featured on the stage and also furnish music for dancing. Brick Anderson will be master of ceremonies. He had charge of the Eagle broadcast programs, and had some experience as a radio announcer and entertainer.

Jane Smith, Fawn Geertsen, Leona (Continued on Page Four)

DEFINITE NEWS ON LOAN BRANCH OFFICE LACKING

Matters concerning the branch of the Home Owners' Loan corporation of the federal government, to be established in La Grande, remained indefinite today, along with similar branches to be established at Eugene and Klamath Falls.

Oregon headquarters of the home loan corporation will be opened in Portland in about a week, John P. Lipscomb, manager, said upon his return from Washington, D. C., Wednesday.

The matter of organization is (Continued on Page Eight)

NESBITTS IN CITY ON VISIT FROM CANADA

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nesbitt and children, Lee and Donna, of Calgary, Alberta, arrived yesterday to spend a few days in Eastern Oregon. While in La Grande they are staying at the M. W. Huffman home, but plan to spend the remainder of the week at the J. H. Dobbin home in Enterprise. Mr. Nesbitt is publicity manager of the Canadian wheat pool.

Mrs. Nesbitt will be remembered as the daughter of Bert Huffman, former resident and editor of La Grande.

WALLA WALLA PRISONER AT LARGE TODAY

Mike Kriskovich, aged 30 years, escaped from the Walla Walla penitentiary about 6 o'clock last night, according to word received here by state, county and city officers.

He is described as 5 feet 11 inches tall, brown eyes, dark brown curly hair, white shirt with collar of shirt having clothing department printed thereon, occupation waiter.

ANYHOW, HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

1900
1933
WORK LONG HOURS AND PUT YOUR MONEY AWAY
SHORTER HOURS MEAN HIGHER WAGES
MONEY IN CIRCULATION MAKES PROSPERITY

Wins in Cactus



Miss Arizona, 20, of Phoenix, selected as "Miss Arizona" in a beauty show held amid a park of thorny cactus.

RESPONSE TO N. R. A. PLAN IS SPREADING

Additional Business and Professional Men Sign Certificates Here.

LABOR CONTRACTS TO BE UNCHANGED

Interpretation Also Clarifies Retail Code; Pharmacists, Executives, Etc., Not Restricted.

Response to the N. R. A. plan in La Grande was more general today, with many additional Blue Pickets posted yesterday afternoon and this morning. At 1:30 o'clock today 138 certificates of compliance had been signed and presented to the post office, representing a large majority of local business and professional men. The post office was forced to get additional insignia from Island City.

In the meantime, additional interpretation of various questions con-

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Mrs. E. L. Halley Dies Wednesday At Valley Home

Maude Rosemond Halley, wife of Edward L. Halley, died at her farm home in the valley Wednesday afternoon at 1:50 o'clock, after a long illness. She suffered a severe stroke Sunday morning. Her death was a

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NOMINATIONS ARE MADE BY LEGION

Nomination of officers for the American Legion was the main business transacted last night at the August meeting at the Sacajawea Inn. Elections will be held in September. The nominations were not announced to the public.

The La Grande post will send its drum corps to the state convention at Klamath Falls on Aug. 10, 11 and 12, when the post will make a bid for the 1934 meeting.

BABY DAUGHTER BORN AUGUST 2

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Laughlin, of Elgin, are the parents of a baby daughter born yesterday at the Grande Ronde hospital.

Carole Lombard Plans Divorce



Carole Lombard, motion picture star, has established a quiet residence on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe preparatory to suing her actor husband, William Powell, for divorce, and spends her time riding, "sun-tanning," and staying away from the public. Photo shows her from steps of her cottage.

SETS RAILROAD PERSONNEL LIMIT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—In working out economies in co-operation with Joseph B. Eastman, federal co-ordinator of transportation, the railroad must not reduce personnel below 938,496, the number employed during May.

The May employment totals, announced today by the interstate commerce commission, were set out in the new railroad law as those under which the carriers would have to work "under the administration's eliminating duplicating services and adopting other cost reducing steps."

The only way the roads may reduce personnel is by not filling vacancies caused by resignations, retirements and deaths, and these may not exceed five per cent of the employed during a year.

The 938,496 employment figure for May was a gain over April, when employment was 925,485, and March, 919,881, but a reduction of 126,753 under May a year ago.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

MAYO CHILDREN MENACED

McNARYS ON WAY HOME

ACCIDENT NEAR PENDLETON

FLOODS FATAL TO 1000

ROCHESTER, Minn., Aug. 3 (AP)—An apparent attempt to kidnap one of more of the three children of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mayo early Tuesday, was revealed today. The children, ranging in age from 2½ to six years are grandchildren of Dr. Charles H. Mayo, world famous surgeon.

PORTLAND, Aug. 3 (AP)—A Washington, D. C. dispatch to the Journal today said Senator and Mrs. Charles L. McNary left this afternoon for Oregon. They will stop briefly in Chicago en route.

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 3 (AP)—Earl Wardleigh, of Wells, Nev., was in a hospital here today undergoing treatment for severe facial injuries and body bruises received in an automobile accident on the Old Oregon Trail last night. Mrs. Edna Stanton, a passenger, was bruised and shaken.

PEIPING, China, Aug. 3 (AP)—Floods caused by a collapse of dikes along the Chang river near Sanyuan caused the deaths of 1000 persons and a great loss of livestock, dispatches from Sian reported today.

EASTMORELAND MUNICIPAL LINKS, Portland, Ore., Aug. 3 (AP)—Tab Hoyer, Portland ace, was the first player to advance to the second round in the national public links golf tournament today when he came from behind with three brilliant birdies on the second nine to conquer Jimmy Doebble, 15-year-old Minneapolis star, 2 and 1, in the 18-hole match.

COORDINATOR PLEADS WITH BIG RAILROADS

"Spend Every Available Dollar in Putting Men Back to Work," He Urges

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (AP)—Joseph B. Eastman, federal co-ordinator of transportation, telegraphed the presidents of all class one railroads today urging them to "spend every available dollar in putting men back to work" under the administration's recovery program.

Eastman said reports to him indicated the railroads had restored about forty thousand men to work since June 1 and in many instances had increased the hours of employment of men already at work, but added this was not enough.

"This is good," his telegram said, "but is it all that can be done? A countrywide drive is on to increase employment, build up purchasing power, increase production, and sustain it by consumption.

"If all pull together this drive will succeed, but it may fail if some hang back."

KIDNAPED MAN IS FREED ON 'CREDIT'

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (AP)—Nathan Baskowitz was home today — the first kidnap victim to be brought back on credit.

Shortly after police proclaimed that Baskowitz, a sports promoter, "hasn't got 35 cents to his name," kidnapers released him last night under a nothing-down-and-stay-pay.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 3 (AP)—Extremely bullish crop reports both from the American and Canadian northwest gave wheat prices a brisk upturn late today.

The wheat market earlier advanced lower, influenced a good deal by trade forecasts that world import requirements for 1933-34 would be the smallest met with in years. World import needs were put at 576,000,000 bushels, against 784,000,000 last year and 776,000,000 two seasons ago, a circumstance attributed largely to determined governmental efforts likely to result in Europe (exclusive of Russia) raising 60,000,000 bushels more wheat than last year.

Wheat closed unsettled, ½¢ @ 10 above yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to ½¢ lower, oats ¼¢ @ 10 down, and provisions varying from 2¢ decline to a rise of 5¢.

HEAVY RAINS CAUSE FLOOD IN BIG CITY

Two Deaths Reported and 5000 People Are Driven From Their Homes.

UNRULY TORRENT GOES OVER WALLS

Downtown Business at Standstill—Several Bridges Washed Away; Those in Danger Warned

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 3 (AP)—Two deaths from the flood that hit Denver today were known after a check. The body of Tom Casey, 80, was found in a deep hole at the rear of his residence at 1610 Seventh street. The body of Mrs. Bertha Catlin, 21, employed on a ranch at Frankton, was found floating in a swollen creek.

Roaring three feet above the tops of six-foot high retaining walls, floodwaters of Cherry creek, swollen by heavy rains last night and the breaking of Castlewood dam east of Denver, today were swelling into streets far from the creek's ordinary course and forcing city dwellers from their homes.

Usually a friendly stream running little more than a foot or two deep, the creek from which Colorado pioneers panned much gold, was an unruly torrent of muddy flood, carrying tons of debris as it swept through Denver.

Business was at a standstill in downtown Denver as power and light service was out when the floodwaters demolished transmission lines

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YOUTH CONVINCES OFFICERS HE IS 'FIEND MURDERER'

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 3 (AP)—Phillip Charles Edwards, 19-year-old high school graduate, was being held in jail as a suspect in the mutilation murder of little Dalbert Apshian today while police checked the closing episodes of his story of the crime.

Captain of Detectives Harry J. Kelly today checked the story in its broad outlines and said he discovered facts which partially verified it.

Edwards first told his story to detectives in Los Angeles where he was picked up as a loiterer late Monday night, and repeated it when brought here. Kelly said the youth told officers he met Dalbert on a downtown

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Today's Baseball

American League
NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (AP)—Lofy Grove handed the Yankees their first shutout since Aug. 2, 1931, today as he pitched Philadelphia to a 7 to 0 victory, giving only five hits. The shutout was the first for the Yanks after 308 consecutive scoring games.

The Yank's feat of scoring in 308 games, established a new all-time record for major league clubs.

Jimmie Fox added Grove in his victory by wallowing his 30th home run of the season with two on base in the seventh while three more Philadelphia runs came in on an error by Ben Chapman. The score: R. H. E. Philadelphia 7 0 0 New York 0 0 3

Batteries: Grove and Cochran; Allen, Pennock, Devens and Diekey.

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 Charlie Ruggles in "Murders in the Zoo."

Is Carnera, king of the heavy-weight ring, invulnerable or is there a fighter who could defeat him? Martin Fitzgerald, 805 O avenue, believes that Max Baer could do it. "Baer," according to Mr. Fitzgerald, "has more science and more boxing

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