

Most Stores To Close At Six O'Clock Tomorrow Night

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STOCK EXCHANGE TRADERS GASSED

N. R. A. LIST GROWING HERE

156 SIGN UP LOCALLY FOR BLUE EAGLES

First Publication of "Honor Roll" is Made in Observer Today.

HEAR COMPLAINTS AT POST OFFICE

No Country Wide Policing Force Likely, But Administration Stands Ready to Prosecute.

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Evidence that those operating under the Blue Eagle will be expected to fully live up to the agreement or to their codes developed today when it was learned that semi-complaints were made to the postmaster by certain interested persons. As yet Postmaster Ralph Huron regards his position as administrative with no authority to act on complaints, but as the situation develops, it is likely he will pass on any complaints to the local committee headed by Harry McKinnley. The springing up of complaints already indicates that the local committee will have generous support in its efforts to see that the president's employment agreement is lived up to by its signers. Gen. Johnson said in Washington today that the "polishing" would be left to local committees, but that the government would stand ready to prosecute under the \$500 fine plan.

Signers of the president's employment agreement who have received N. R. A. Blue Eagles in La Grande passed the 150 mark today and several business places still had not signed, expecting to do so as soon as questions involving their agreements could be authoritatively answered. At 1 o'clock this afternoon 156 had received Blue Eagles.

Word was received from Elgin today that hours were cut from nine to eight with the same pay by the Reed Lumber Co., with 90 cents an hour now high and 33 1/2 cents the minimum. The Ponderosa Pine Lumber company, which has been on a 48-hour week for some time, raised wages from five to seven cents an hour over the regular scale.

Honor List Published
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C.C.C. Purchases To Be Increased Due to New Rule

An order relative to the civilian conservation camps means additional business for La Grande merchants in the next several months.

Camp commanders were ordered Thursday to purchase subsistence supplies from local merchants except in cases where the cost would be greater than the expense of obtaining the supplies from the nearest army post and transporting them to the camps.

Heretofore camp commanders have purchased perishable supplies from local merchants, but have obtained all non-perishable supplies from army posts. Practically all of the buying for the Fort Heaven C. C. C. camp is done in La Grande and this new order is expected to increase the size of the purchases, local merchants believe.

SUMMERVILLE LOOP DRIVE ATTRACTIVE

And if you don't care to tackle the country in the Medical Springs-Ponderosa area for your Sunday trip, here's another idea:

Try the Mt. Glen-Summerville-Imbler-Island City loop drive. This drive can be made in a relatively short time, or one can spend an entire and profitable day on it, stopping somewhere near Summerville for a picnic — there are several picnicking sites available.

Many believe that end of the Grande Ronde valley is the most beautiful section in the county, and it is a fact that one can leave La Grande on this loop and see at least



WILL ROGERS says:
BEVERLY HILLS, Aug. 3 — California is pawing the ground over a proposed state income tax. The kicks would carry more weight if we could get somebody to kick that didn't have to pay it.
Some of our patriotic citizens have offered to leave the state if it passes. And the state may take 'em up on it. So if you see a drove of Rolls Royces, Lincolns and Cadillacs going east through your town, feed 'em and take care of 'em. They are awful nice folks. They ain't got a thing in the world the matter with 'em, only they are millionaires.
You can't legitimately kick on taxes when the money has been made. It's taxes on farms, ranches and business property that has lost money for years. Those folks have the holler coming. Now, excuse me while I hide before some of my good friends shoot me. Yours,
Will Rogers.
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JOBLESS IN THIS COUNTY DECREASING

Relief Committee Lends Aid to 254 in July; Figure 680 During March.

Union county's unemployment problem has been reduced about one-third since the inception of the Union county relief committee under the able chairmanship of J. H. Peare, reports of the relief committee submitted yesterday afternoon at a meeting at the court house revealed. During March 680 families received \$5292.10, furnished from R. F. C. funds; in April although the number of families was decreased to 544, \$6149.21 was expended.

The number of families was reduced to 254 during July and indications are that within the next month or two the unemployment problem will probably disappear. A total of \$2082.22 was expended for relief activities here in July, \$1831.11 for actual relief and \$251.11 for administrative expenses.

MORE RAIN FALLS OVER LA GRANDE DISTRICT TODAY

Stormy weather continued in La Grande today, the third to see rain fall here. On Wednesday a quarter of an inch of precipitation was registered, and yesterday's total was .30, bringing the rain for two days to .55 of an inch.

Thunder storms occurred both Wednesday and Thursday, although lightning was not reported as doing any damage yesterday.

The maximum Thursday was 75 above, the coolest since June, but the minimum temperature last night was 63 above, not unusually cool. It was doubtful if the maximum today would reach the 75 above mark in La Grande.

Reports indicate that no wheat has been damaged over the valley by the rain. A light hail was reported from the Cove district yesterday but chert.

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STORES WILL CLOSE AT 6 ON SATURDAY

Schedules Adopted Locally Change Hours For Last Day of Week.

FOOD STORES IN GENERAL MEETING

Petition is Submitted to All Grocery Groups — Other Stores Put Committee to Work.

Beginning with this weekend, Saturday as far as shopping is concerned, is the same as any other day in La Grande.

This holds good for all of the stores that have entered into the retail codes tentatively adopted by La Grande merchants after committees named by the retail merchants division of the chamber of commerce presented their reports.

Both grocery and general mercantile stores will close their doors at 6 o'clock tomorrow night, the sales time as on Monday, or Wednesday, or Friday.

Grocery stores open at 8 a. m. each day of the week under the new plan and most of the general mercantile stores open at 9 a. m. Retail coal dealers open at 8 a. m. and close at 5 p. m.

Drug stores are open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. each week day, including Saturdays, and are open from 9 to 1 and 6 to 9 p. m. on Sundays.

Two meetings were held last night dealing with the general problem of closing hours.

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Entertainer To Be Featured In Vaudeville Here

Miss Bertha Mae Smith, entertainer par excellence who has danced for Fanchon Marco in the Paramount theatre in Portland and who was a member of the cast in the New York Stock company production in Portland, "The Only Girl", will be featured at the American Legion vaudeville tomorrow evening at 8:45 o'clock at Zuber hall, Raymond O. Williams.

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Guns Bring End to Two Gun Careers



The furious gun battle between the murderous Barrow gang and an Iowa posse had just ended near Dexter, Ia., when this picture was made. Blanche Barrow, left center, struggles hysterically with two officers, her face a mask of terror and hatred. Marvin Barrow, her husband, called "one of the three worst killers in the United States," crouches on the ground at right, six bullets in his body. Other members of the gang escaped and are being pursued in a hot manhunt which seeks to bring them to justice for a series of robberies and murders from Texas to Iowa.

UNION WHEAT GROWERS TO FORM GROUP

Take First Steps Toward Organizing County Production Control Set-up

First definite steps in setting up a local organization in Union county to handle the wheat production control program is the appointment made at a meeting held in La Grande, last evening of a special advisory committee to assist County Agent H. G. Avery in the preliminary procedure.

The men who have volunteered their services for this work are: E. H. DeLong, chairman, La Grande; Ralph Hutchinson, Union; John Shaw Jr., North Powder; Merrell Conley, Cove; Henry Hermann, Island City; Geo. K. McDonald, Allice; H. H. Huron, Imbler; Clyde McKenzie, Summerville, and Rex Roulet, Elgin.

This committee is temporary in nature, but is important in carrying out the necessary steps until the Union County Wheat Production Control association is organized. Besides assisting in the educational work re-

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American Woman Golfer Wins From Prince of Wales

LONDON, Aug. 4 (AP) — Miss Beatrice Gottlieb, of Tuckahoe, N. Y., has earned the proud distinction of being the first woman of any nationality to beat the Prince of Wales at golf.

She will take back to America in a few days a box of golf balls given her by the prince. Also, she will return home minus one of the clubs from her caddy bag. The club now is in the possession of the prince, a gift from Miss Gottlieb.

A one handicap golfer, Miss Gottlieb, 28 and blonde, is a member of the Mount Vernon country club. She shot an 80 and the prince an 83, Miss Gottlieb winning 5 and 4.

Pendleton Food Stores Agree On Daily Schedule

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special) — In accordance with the N. R. A. plan, Pendleton grocers and meat market owners met at the chamber of commerce rooms and decided on the following hours: Daily except Saturday and Sunday, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.; Saturdays, 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.; Sundays and holidays, closed all day. The schedule goes into effect on Monday, August 7.

ALLOW TIME TO READJUST UNDER N. R. A.

Two Weeks Leeway Decried by Johnson, Before "Applying Pressure."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AP) — Two weeks leeway was decried by Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator, today before sanctioning pressure on business and industry to comply with President Roosevelt's blanket wage and employment agreement.

In conference with newspapermen, the administrator said a period of time was necessary for business houses to adjust their personnel to new wage and hour levels, and until this transitional period is ended "the public must be reasonable."

At the same time, Johnson warned no "recalcitrant minority" would be permitted to hold up the recovery program.

Asked if there was a likelihood of the "teeth" of the recovery act being utilized if small groups did not go along on the program within their industries after a specific code has been adopted, Johnson said:

"It's not a likelihood, it's a dead certainty."

Asked if 5 and 10 cent chain stores would be given a separation from the already existing retailers code so they could operate on a different hour and wage basis, the administrator said "no!"

The "teeth" in the industrial act comprise the power the president has to license industries. If some concerns refuse to abide by a code adopted by the majority, they will be licensed.

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N.R.A. Plan Not Compulsory Upon State Agencies

SALEM, Aug. 4 (AP) — The national recovery act is not compulsory upon the state or any of its agencies, Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle today told Gerald Owen, secretary of the World War veterans state aid commission. Owen requested an opinion on the matter of the state departments co-operating in the national plan for higher wages and shorter hours.

"Of course it is desirable to co-operate, insofar as it is possible to do so, but the matter of such possibility rests with the respective departments, in view of their budgetary limitations," the opinion said, holding that salaries were fixed for the biennium and that changes would be in violation of the law.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 4 (AP) — Something like a dead center developed in grain dealings today, and with speculative operations at a minimum, prices tumbled, wheat falling 4c.

Uncertainties regarding administration financial measures were suggested in various quarters as a reason for grain market weakness. Crop reports from Canada were unfavorable, but had little lasting influence either at Winnipeg or here.

Wheat closed weak, 3c to 4c under yesterday's finish, corn 2 1/2c down, oats 1 1/2c off, and provisions showing 20 to 30c decline.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

ASK OIL LEASE RULING
GANDHI IS SENTENCED
REPUDIATES CONFESSION
WOMAN SENT TO PRISON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (AP) — A writ of mandamus to compel the federal trade commission to rule immediately upon the legality of the lease and agency to practice whereby retail oil agents are bound to handle exclusively the products of one company was asked today in a suit filed in the District of Columbia supreme court for a number of retail dealers.

POONA, India, Aug. 4 (AP) — The Mahatma Gandhi today was sentenced to one year jail term on charges in connection with a proposed civil disobedience campaign.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 4 (AP) — Philip Charles Edwards, 19, who for two days has been repeating to officers a strange story of how he mutilated and killed 7-year-old Dalbert Aposhian here July 18, told his mother within hearing of police today that he did not slay the boy and that police had beaten him up on several occasions.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (AP) — Mrs. Frances W. King was sentenced today to a prison term of not less than five nor more than ten years for attempted blackmail of Bruce Barton, author and advertising executive.

ROME, Aug. 4 (AP) — Gen. Italo Balbo, commander of a squadron of 24 Italian seaplanes, sent a message from Sinalunga, N. P., today saying he had decided to change the return route and go by way of the Azores and Lisbon.

DENVER'S FLOOD OVER BUT THREE LIVES ARE LOST

DENVER, Aug. 4 (AP) — Cherry creek flowed docilely in its concrete lined channel today, bearing no resemblance to the roaring torrent which took three lives and did damage possibly in excess of a million dollars.

Denver residents long had feared what happened soon after midnight yesterday — the collapse of Castlewood dam, 35 miles upstream. The granite masonry structure, constructed 44 years ago, has been a menace for 20 years and engineers frequently pronounced it unsafe. A cloudburst in the plains country east of Castle Rock, where the dam is located, brought down sufficient water to

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BOONE ON TRIP TO PORTLAND

Harold Boone, secretary of the La Grande chamber of commerce, left for Portland to spend several days there contacting members of the state board of the public works program in connection with projects submitted by La Grande and Union county. He expects to return Tuesday evening.

JAPANESE WORRY ABOUT NEW YARN

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (AP) — The usually conservative Tokyo newspaper Asahi gave a prominent place today to "reliable reports" of a secret Chinese-American aviation treaty which it said was recently negotiated in Washington by Dr. S. Alfred Soe, Chinese minister to Washington, and the American state department.

If the pact is made effective, Asahi said, "it will gravely menace Japan's national defenses, wherefore the reports are claiming the serious attention of the imperial army."

A foreign office spokesman said his bureau had no knowledge of such a treaty.

SERGEANT OF STATE POLICE HAS NEW CAR

Sergeant J. A. Robertson, of the state police, has returned from a conference in Salem, driving back to La Grande in a new Chevrolet car. The automobile is one of several new ones purchased recently for state officers.

INQUIRING REPORTER

Each day as the Inquiring Reporter makes his 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 Charlie Huggles in "Murders in The Zoo."

Do you believe that small suburban grocery stores with only a proprietor in charge should close under the NRA plan?

Mrs. U. E. Flanagan, Enterprise, says, "I believe that the suburban grocery should close, but if they

TEAR BOMBS THROWN INTO WALL STREET

Forces Early Closing of Exchange — Officers Are Investigating

REPORT NO ONE HURT SERIOUSLY

Financial District Has Biggest Flurry of Excitement in Years; Business is Forgotten.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (AP) — The New York stock exchange was forced to close early this afternoon when fumes, which the exchange said had apparently come from explosion of two gas bombs, flooded the lower floors of the big building.

The fumes were at first believed to have come from a leaky ammonia pipe in the exchange's air cooling system, but after a hasty examination exchange officials thought that gas bombs had been tossed into the ventilating apparatus.

The New York police immediately began an investigation.

No Serious Injuries

A hasty checkup of traders and clerks who had been on the floor as well as of persons in offices on upper floors of the building, disclosed no one had been seriously injured, although many persons were suffering from badly irritated eyes.

The fumes billowed up through the first four floors which were ordered evacuated and also swept into the streets at a time when the stock exchange district was thronged with the noon day crowd.

Trading on the exchange was immediately suspended the balance of the day.

Police reserves and emergency squads were rushed into the district and held back the milling thousands while the affected floors of the exchange structure were cleared.

Two Bombs Found

Members of the exchange's own police force donned gas masks as soon as the fumes were felt, about 12:15 o'clock, and groped their way through the lower part of the building searching for the supposed leak in the air cooling system. A quick investigation revealed two tear gas bombs had been thrown into an open ventilating pipe.

The financial district had not had

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Roosevelt Goes Into The Coal Mine Situation

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 4 (AP) — President Roosevelt went directly into the Pennsylvania coal strike situation today, receiving a report from General Hugh S. Johnson, industrial administrator, and talking things over with him.

Mr. Roosevelt designated Johnson and Miss Frances Perkins, the secretary of labor, to make a special study of the coal strike.

A report from Johnson was received here today. While there is considerable doubt about just what the federal government can do in the way of bringing peace in the coal fields, there is no doubt the president wants this done as quickly as possible.

There is a feeling here the president is ready to act. Most certainly, he is determined to smash any interference with his national recovery program and he is relying on the judgment of Johnson to find the facts in the troublesome Pennsylvania coal situation.

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