

# Wheat Harvest Resumed Over Valley After 3-Day Halt

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# URSCHEL RANSOM MONEY LOCATED

## Wants Everybody Under Blue Eagle In Two Weeks

### NEW WARNING IS ISSUED BY GEN. JOHNSON

Check in La Grande This Afternoon Reveals Total Signers Here 185.

### POST OFFICE OUT OF N. R. A. INSIGNIA

Forced to Send to Portland For New Supply of Stickers; Beauty Shops Here Sign Code.

To employers the country over went today an indirect but renewed warning that Hugh S. Johnson, national administrator, wants everybody under the Blue Eagle in two weeks time. And at 1 o'clock this afternoon the total of La Grande signers of the president's employment agreement has increased to 185, a gain of five in the last 24 hours. Today marked the first of the second week since distribution of the Blue Eagles was started and the local post office has been forced to send to Portland for a new supply of insignia. Portland also, is out of insignia, but a new shipment is en route. Word from Washington today said that Johnson has appointed a special board to consider and speed temporary application of the many pending codes that fix minimum wages and minimum hours for as many trades. When the two weeks time has expired, the administrator now plans a concerted appeal for consumers to buy only from the men

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### Request Return Of Rev. Hertzog To Church Here

By a unanimous vote of the members of the quarterly conference in session last evening, Dr. C. A. McCallister, district superintendent, was requested to return Rev. W. H. Hertzog to the pastorate of the First Methodist Episcopal church of La Grande for another year's work. The request will be presented to Bishop Titus Lowe, who will be the presiding officer at the approaching session of the conference which convenes August 31 at Rupert, Ida. Mr. Hertzog came to La Grande from Salem something over three years ago to fill the pastorate left vacant by the death of the late Rev. Vernon E. Hall. Prior to that time he had been a member of the faculty of Willamette University, connected especially with the Kimball School of Theology which had been discontinued a short time prior to his appointment to La Grande. In addition to this piece of business, the reports of the work done by the several societies during the year which is about to close, were presented. Each organization was found to be in an exceptionally good condition, with increased memberships in all instances, and also increased interest and activity.

### VEDA HOGENSEN GIVEN SCHOOL

Miss Veda Hogensen, of La Grande, has been elected to teach the intermediate grades at Pondosa for the coming year. She is a graduate of the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

## 95 PCT. POPULATION HERE BORN IN U. S.

What percentage of Union county's population is of native white parentage? What percentage is negro? How many foreign born whites? The population of Union county stands at 17,492, according to latest accurate figures, and of this total approximately 80 per cent is white and of native white parentage. In other words, four out of every five in Union county were born Americans and are of white parentage. Going a bit further into the statistics, one finds that nearly 95 per cent of Union county's population is either of native white parentage or of foreign or mixed white parentage. The word "mixed" in this sense applies to marriages between foreign and native born whites, all citizens of America. Of the total population, those white people who were born in foreign countries amounts to only a little more than four per cent. The negro population of Union county is only about two-tenths of one per cent. Here are the figures: Total population—17,492. Color: white—17,372; negro—41. Native white—16,516. Native parentage—13,935. Foreign or mixed parentage but native born—2,581. Foreign born white—856.

### WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 7 — Cordell Hull, a mighty able man, arrived and told Roosevelt what the London conference had done. That took the first five minutes. Then he told Roosevelt what could have been done if the nations had really wanted to do something. That took hours. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Moley are trying to discourage the kidnapers. When Missouri hangs that one that they sentenced, it's going to be terrible discouragement to one of 'em. This Oklahoma boy, Johnson, that's running this NRA, you better not monkey with him. He is hard-boiled and is liable to make you do what you are supposed to do. Yours, Will Rogers.

### LEGIONNAIRES TO LEAVE TODAY FOR STATE CONVENTION

Delegates, members of the drum corps and others of the American Legion and auxiliary will leave late this afternoon for the annual convocation of the veterans at Klamath Falls. La Grande will make a bid for the 1934 convention for which the legion already has obtained the backing of local merchants. The American Legion drum corps, which ranked high both in the national and state competition in 1932, will participate in the state drum corps contest. The corps has been among the leaders in the annual state contest for many years. Before leaving for the convention, legion leaders said it was almost certain that a \$2500 fund for entertainment of the 1934 convention would be underwritten by local business people.

### JULY FIRE LOSS IN LA GRANDE AT FIGURE OF \$793

During the month of July fire loss in La Grande amounted to only \$793.07 and of that loss, \$783.07 was protected by insurance, all of which has been collected, according to Fire Chief C. T. Lindsay. Nine fires were answered and of this number, one was believed to be incendiary. One was caused by an open fire and seven by rubbish and sparks. A total of \$6625 worth of property was at risk during the month. Of the nine fire calls, four were answered on silent alarms.

### MT. EMILY REFUGE WILL BE POSTED

Signs, warning campers and hikers against the carrying or use of firearms in the Mt. Emily game reserve, will be posted in the very near future. Frank B. Wire, of Portland, state game commissioner, and Ralph Cowgill, engineer for the commission, were here yesterday to go over the posting of signs. The Mt. Emily game reserve was created in the last session of the legislature, making it illegal to hunt or carry firearms there.

### Heads U.S. Power Commission



Frank R. McInch, above, who has been a Democratic member of the Federal Power Commission since Jan. 1, 1931, is the commission's new chairman, succeeding George Otis Smith, Republican, who resigned the post but will remain on the commission.

### GUARDSMEN WILL DO THEIR PART IN BALANCING BUDGET

Members of the national guard, doing their bit for national recovery, will drill 48 times during the fiscal year starting July 1, 1933 but will receive pay for only 36 drills. This was the word passed out to the members of Company E, 186th (Continued on Page Five)

### MERCURY UP TO 95 ABOVE HERE MONDAY

The weatherman's prediction yesterday morning that temperatures in Eastern Oregon would be above normal, were borne out in La Grande when a maximum of 95 above was chalked up late Monday. It was the first above normal weather since before the storms of last week. The minimum for last night was 63 above and at 7 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at 75 above, in spite of partly cloudy skies. The weather forecast for tonight and Wednesday is for partly cloudy skies in Eastern Oregon, with local afternoon thunderstorms in the mountains, and temperatures generally above normal.

### When Summer Flood Invaded Denver Streets



Collapse of Castledown Dam loosed a heavy flow of water upon Denver and Cherry creek valley, causing \$1,000,000 property damage, stalling traffic, menacing bridges and flooding some Denver streets before it subsided. Above, the flood pounding Broadway bridge, Seventh and Broadway, Denver. Below, an air view of Castledown Dam, showing the destruction there.

### FALL WHEAT HARVEST ON FULL BLAST

Spring-Sown Crop Will be Ready Within Another Week, is Report.

### LAST WEEK'S RAIN RESULTED IN HALT

Harvesting Resumed in Union County Yesterday at Noon; No Estimate on Total Yield Yet. Harvesting of Union county's crop of fall wheat, just becoming general the middle of last week, started full blast yesterday at noon, after a three day halt due to wet weather. Clearing skies Sunday and warm weather the last two days allowed the grain growers to again begin to take in their yield. No estimates as to the extent of the Union county crop are available as yet, but within a week or so, enough information will be available to determine the approximate yield. Most all of the fall wheat is ready for harvest now, and the spring wheat harvest is to begin in another week. It is reported. Up in the North Powder section, a bit removed from the Grande Ronde valley, harvest also is under way, where it is said that the long, hot

### Rotarians And Lions To Meet At Kitten Ball

According to rumors floating around La Grande the greatest "Civic Uplift" since some 2 civilized citizens peremptorily transferred the Union county courthouse to La Grande — in the days when men wore hair on their chests, and women wore bustles — will take place at the High school athletic field next Monday afternoon, Aug. 14, when the Lions club and Rotary club tangle bats in what is purported to be a scheduled kitten ball game. Two weeks ago the Lions club, in a somewhat reckless mood, hurled the defy to the Rotarians. Two of three days later the Rotarians, with blood skittering through their arteries, replied with a packet of axes wrapped in snake skins. The war was on! The Lions, none too gentle when their ire is on the up and up, and

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### FRENCH FLIERS BREAK RECORD



Two Frenchmen, Maurice Rossi, left, and Paul Codos set a new non-stop long distance flight record from the United States to Hayak, Syria yesterday, landing after flying about 5900 miles. The above picture was taken at Floyd Bennett airport, New York, where they were testing their cabin monoplane, Joseph LeBrix, pictured below.

### ITALIAN BIRDMEN COMPLETE FLIGHT TO HORTA, AZORES

HORTA, Azores, Aug. 8 (AP)—General Italo Balbo's Italian air armada of 24 seaplanes successful completed today the longest hop of their long journey from Rome to Chicago and back again. The general led his ships from Shoal Harbor, Newfoundland, to the Azores, where he and his men received an unparalleled welcome. At Horta, where nine of the squadron alighted, thousands of persons were out to see the fliers. They greeted the Italians with rockets and sirens. The breakwater and the quay were massed with blue hydrangeas. The other 15 ships of the armada were provided with landing places at Ponta Delgada on San Miguel Island.

### POLISH FLIERS CRASH HARBOR GRACE, N. F.

The Polish-American fliers, Benjamin and Joseph Adamowicz and Emil Birgen, escaped serious injury when their monoplane "White Eagle" cracked up in a landing here this afternoon. Joseph Adamowicz suffered an el-

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### GROCERS AND RETAIL MEN ACCEPT CODE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—Grocers and retailers, under fair practice codes submitted to the NRA, have agreed to regulations for their industries for the purpose of industrial recovery. Maximum hours of labor and minimum rates of pay for employees definitely are fixed. Here is what is expected of those engaged in food and grocery distribution trade: Maximum hours of labor shall be 48 hours per week. No one shall be employed more than eight hours in any 24-hour period, excepting on the day preceding a legal holiday and on an additional 12 days (when the maximum hours in any one day shall not exceed 10 hours) in any six month period. In the presidential agreement, the minimum hours of any store which customarily operated more than 52 hours were set at 52 hours. The average number of hours in which retail grocers were open was said by their national committee to be 73. Contending to shorten hours might lose business, the grocers were allowed a 48-hour work week for employees. NIRA officials, however, have explained if store hours are reduced by agreement to below 63, the re-employment which is anticipated through the allowance of the 48 hour work week will not be obtained, and the understanding upon which the food and grocery distributors and the retail dealers were based will not have been carried out. Grocers Warned The NIRA officials have warned retail grocers against making joint agreements to shorten store hours.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (AP)—Grain values crumbled late today, influenced by sympathy with cotton, market weakness and because of increased hedging sales of wheat at Winnipeg. A rally, however, ensued at the finish and left the market a trifle above yesterday. Late declines of grains took place notwithstanding an earlier advance that accompanied reports President Roosevelt and economic advisers were to discuss the commodity dollar. Volume of grain trading was somewhat larger than yesterday, and until near the close the prevailing sentiment was less pessimistic. Wheat closed nervous, 1/4c off to 3/4c up compared with yesterday's finish, corn unchanged to 3/4c down, oats at 1/4c decline to 3/4c advance, and provisions showing 7 to 20c setback.

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### JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE CUBAN MEDIATION CONTINUES ROAD COMMISSION MEETS SEEK ALLEGED KIDNAPER

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Aug. 8 (AP)—President Roosevelt discussed the domestic and international monetary problem in a significant conference today with his experts, but the meeting was officially described as unrelated either to stabilization of the dollar or inflation. HAVANA, Aug. 8 (AP)—United States Ambassador Sumner Welles, who is seeking to end Cuba's political turmoil, which resulted yesterday in a casualty list of 21 dead and 130 wounded in street demonstrations, declared after a long interview with President Machado today that "mediation is not ended."

PORTLAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Cost of completion of the north and south Santiam highways will range from \$2,550,000 to \$2,930,000 predicated upon abandonment of the railroad affecting the North Santiam, the state highway commission announced here today. The meeting, called to consider road matters, almost turned into a mining congress when A. D. Culler, of Baker, urged improvement of five miles of highway in order to bring out gold ore for delivery to the smelter in Teacoma.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8 (AP)—District Attorney John T. Delaney announced today a warrant had been issued for arrest of Manney Strowl charging him with the kidnaping of Lieut. John J. O'Connell Jr. Strowl acted as go-between in delivering the \$40,000 ransom money and arranging for young O'Connell's release.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP)—Eugene S. Dantell Jr., Boston lawyer accused of placing two tear gas bombs in the stock exchange last Friday and causing employees to flee from the building, was indicted today for malicious mischief, a felony.

### CHILDREN SWEEP TO SEA BY WAVE; ONE KNOWN DEAD

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP)—At least one child was drowned and six were missing today after a big wave swept a large group of children off of a sandbar at Rockaway Beach, Queens. The children caught by the wave and carried to the sea by its undertow were part of a picnic party of 100 from the Prides of Judea orphans home in Brooklyn. About a score of children were on the sandbar. Thirteen were dragged quickly from the water, all suffering from submersion. Four were sent to a hospital and inhalators were applied to the other nine on the beach, to at least one of them in vain. The dead was Ray Evans, 10. In counting six of the children missing, the police said they did not

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### 20,000 MINERS TO RETURN TO WORK

By Marben Graham UNIONTOWN, Pa., Aug. 8 (AP)—More than 100 heads of United Mine Workers locals, representing about 20,000 miners voted unanimously today to return to work in the soft coal fields of Southwestern Pennsylvania. The action was taken in a ruling vote after Edward P. McGrady, labor advisor of the national recovery administration, delivered a stirring appeal to the men to support President Roosevelt's recovery program. McGrady flew to the coal fields from Washington at request of General Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator.

### BARBER SHOP IN NEW ROOMS

The Oregon Trail Barber shop has moved across Adams avenue from its old location to the Lotley building. It was announced today.

### MARKED CASH DISCOVERED BY BANKERS

Several Arrests Made in Minneapolis — Group Held Incommunicado

### STACY ARRESTED BY U. S. OFFICERS

Held in Chicago as the Man Who Plotted Attempted Delivery of Frank Nash in K. C.

By The Associated Press Two developments in the crime situation today were in favor of law enforcement officials. Part of the Urscchel ransom money was discovered in Minneapolis and several arrests made, and in Chicago federal authorities were holding a man they said plotted the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, convict, at the Kansas City union station recently.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 8 (AP)—Part of the ransom money paid kidnapers for the release of Charles F. Urscchel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire, has been discovered in a Minneapolis bank, federal investigators said today. Reports as to the number of men held incommunicado in connection with the finding of the money varied from three to five.

Bank officials identified that part of the currency that passed through their hands as part of the Urscchel ransom by serial numbers on the bills. Urscchel, 49, oil millionaire, was freed by his kidnapers July 3.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (AP)—Federal authorities announced today they were holding Louis (Doc) Stacy as the man who plotted the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, a convict, at the Kansas City union station recently and that they had learned the identity of the gunmen who killed five persons in the attempt.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the United States bureau of investigation here, named Verne Miller, notorious South Dakota outlaw, as one of the gunmen who killed Nash and four police officers in a wild shooting fray at the union station in Kansas City.

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### Oregon Is 14th State To Ratify 21st Amendment

SALEM, Aug. 8 (AP)—Yesterday Oregon became the 14th state to formally ratify the 21st amendment, which calls for repeal of the 18th amendment to the federal constitution. The vote was 110 yes, five no, and one absent. Organization of the convention and voting required only two hours and seven minutes, 44 minutes under the previous short repeal convention record set by Massachusetts. The official certificate setting out the action of the convention was duly signed, filed with the secretary of state's office, and today forwarded to the secretary of state in Washington.

On July 21 Oregon became the 20th state to vote in favor of prohibition repeal. The vote was 136,713 yes to 72,854 no. A one-minute time limitation on speech from the floor accelerated the convention. Following the roll call on the repeal vote, a resolution to outlaw the saloon in Oregon and calling for the state legislature to so enact was defeated.

### 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 Frederic March and Cary Grant in "The Eagle and the Hawk."

"Men seldom make passes At girls who wear glasses." According to Dorothy Parker. That problem has been solved for the sex by the invention of "contact glasses" in Germany. One pair has entered the United States and photographs reveal the glasses to be conical pieces of glass, ground to the proper degree, that fit just over the eye ball. Miss Mae Stearns, 1910 Oak street, says "At least you would not get your bows knocked crooked every time you bump your head." Miss Wilma Smith, 109 1/2 Depot, is apparently from Missouri and will have to be shown, her reply being, "For crying out loud, it sound foolish to me."