

Eastern Oregon Livestock Show In Final Day

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HUGE FOREST FIRE IS SPREADING

BIG PARADE FEATURE OF SECOND DAY

Fascinating Arena Events Add to Entertainment at Union Friday.

BUCKING HORSES THRILL BIG CROWD

Wallowa Team Wins First in F. F. A. Stock Judging Contest - Union Judges Rank Second.

With a grand parade of livestock, fascinating arena events, and music at frequent intervals by Union musical aggregations, the 25th annual Eastern Oregon Livestock show closed this afternoon.

Many of the familiar events have been missed, but good entertainment in the arena and an excellent exhibition of livestock by the 4-H clubs, the Future Farmers of America and prominent livestock men from various sections of Eastern Oregon, have made this a good show.

The parade commencing this year was the immense parade held yesterday, covering the business district at 1:00 o'clock and then circling to the arena.

Rainbow Girls To Stage Play On September 1

"Thanks Awfully," a one-act play, will be presented by the Order of Rainbow for Girls on Sept. 1 at the high school.

Members of the cast are Dorothy Stewart, Helen Melville, Sylvia Turn, Arlene Conrad, Sylvia Hodgins, Evelyn Ballard, Elizabeth Milne, Mary Frees, LaVelle Hanna, Lill Hofmann, Genevieve Flexer, Janet Binger, Shirley Zion and Muriel Webb.

LULA WEEKS, COVE, WINS ESSAY CONTEST

First prize and three dollars in cash went to Lula L. Weeks, of Box 3, Cove, Ore., this week in the Merchants Essay and Misspelled Word Contest.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 25 - California has a murder trial going on out here now (some professor is supposed to have killed his wife), so you all know when your home town papers can score up a good murder trial, why, that's just like striking pay dirt, so I don't know what Hugh Johnson is doing with the auto code.

What Cordell Hull is doing toward making international conferences useful as well as decorative. What Secretary of Labor Miss Perkins is doing now that everything in the NRA is not unionized, or is unionized, or whether they decide to do with it.

As I say, we got a murder trial, and we don't know a thing in the world that is happening outside of that, so pardon my ignorance, Yours, Will Rogers

HIGH SCHOOL REBUILDING JOB FINISHED

Less Than Three Months Required to Reconstruct L. H. S. Building.

Reconstruction of the La Grande High school has been completed, with the exception of some painting still under way, and Friday A. Ritchie, general contractor, returned to his hiker home.

His original contract was for \$28,928 and later the school board, by a four to one vote, added approximately \$2500 for construction of a music room annex. The entire job cost in the neighborhood of \$43,000, more or less.

They Want To Form 'Snake River County'

Another county in Oregon? That is the plan advanced by Jack Titus, of Hill's Canyon, and Eugene Johnson, of the Snake River section, according to news from Wallowa county this week.

Their reason for wanting to secede from Wallowa county is (Continued on Page Two)

DUD STARR WINS IN WALLA WALLA

Dud Starr, a southpaw raquester entered from Portland but claiming La Grande as his home, established himself as one of the favorites in the Eastern Washington tennis tournament opening in Walla Walla Friday when he disposed of Welton Marquis, Whitman tennis squad member.

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White House Displays Eagle



There was a broad smile on the face of General Johnson when he called at the White House and noted the Blue Eagle on the door. President Roosevelt has seen to it that the "First Family" has become the "First Consumers" of the country in supporting the NRA drive for industrial recovery.

ENROLLMENT AT HIGH SCHOOL TO BEGIN SHORTLY

Principal Arnold L. Gralapp, of La Grande High school, announced today that regular office hours would be established beginning Monday in the High school building. The office will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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Five Decapitated In Germany Today

BERLIN, Aug. 26 (AP)—Five persons in various parts of Germany were decapitated at dawn today, making a total of 31 executions by the guillotine, or the headman's axe under the Hitler government.

At Torgau, a widow, Emma Thiele who had secured two men to kill her own son, was beheaded along with the two men. The executioner, in accordance with German custom, was clad in evening clothes and top hat. He cut off each head with one blow of his axe in the presence of a dozen witnesses.

THE OVER-ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME



NRA WORK COMMITTEE IS FORMED

Organization Formed Here With R. Z. Baxter as Committee Chairman

DUTY TO PROMOTE BLUE EAGLE PLAN

Will Co-operate With National Recovery Administration in Educational Work Locally.

A local NRA work committee was organized at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce office last night, called by Postmaster Ralph Haron upon request of General Hugh S. Johnson, national recovery act administrator of the United States government. R. Z. Baxter, representing the Central Labor Council, was elected as chairman of the local committee, and Mrs. Victor Eckley, representing the American Legion auxiliary, was selected as secretary.

The principal duty of the committee is to receive and pass on to the (Continued on Page Four)

District Home Loan Office Is Opened Today

The La Grande branch office of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, a government organization, was opened this morning on the second floor of the Foley building. Many seeking home loans were on hand and the office staff encountered a rush of applications.

Manager C. J. Shorb urges that applicants, unless they are in immediate danger of foreclosure, wait a few days before presenting their cases so that there will be an opportunity to handle the most pressing cases.

TUBBS TO BE LOCATED HERE

Willard A. Tubbs, formerly stationed in La Grande, has been transferred back to this city from Pendleton, it was announced today. He takes the place left vacant when Patrolman Eric Tucker was transferred.

All Is Sweetness at Melon Show



There's a note of sweetness all through the Melon Carnival and Junior Stock Show now under way at Turlock, Calif. For instance, free water-melons, served visitors by charming lassies like Doris Hedman and Mabel Varner.

LOW PRICES ON LIQUOR FAVORED BY COMMISSION

PORTLAND, Aug. 26 (AP)—Liquor prices so low as to discourage bootlegging, but high enough to insure a substantial profit for the state were proposed by the governor's liquor advisory committee at a meeting here.

The committee, appointed to make recommendations to the state legislature in anticipation of repeal of the 18th amendment, took no action on the several proposals advanced for regulation, administration and taxation.

Dr. William S. Knox, chairman, and John Beckman, father of the state beer bill introduced at the last legislative session, suggested methods of control which were similar in many respects.

Both proposed a three-man liquor control commission, the members of which would receive substantial salaries and be responsible for the regulation of liquor sales and administration, taxation, sale and consumption. It was declared the state should not expect to make a profit of more than 6 per cent in liquor taxation and regulation.

All sales of bottled goods, it was suggested, should be through state liquor stores, although hotels and bona fide restaurants would be permitted to sell drinks with meals.

A passbook system of purchasing was advocated. Habitual drunkards, criminals and youths would be unable to purchase legally. It was proposed that relatives of any in- (Continued on Page Six)

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

F. R. HALLS NRA SUCCESS
RUSSIA, ITALY NEAR PACT
HELEN JACOBS WINS TITLE
TO LET MORE CONTRACTS—

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Aug. 26 (AP)

President Roosevelt today hailed the national recovery drive as a success and in an address to the people of his home county asserted "the downhill drift has definitely turned and become an upward surge." He declared an end to monopolies and announced the new principle of "Home community—that no individual, no family, has a right to do things which hurt the neighbors."

ROME, Aug. 26 (AP)—Negotiations for a non-aggression pact between Soviet Russia and Italy were officially reported today to be nearing consummation.

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 26 (AP)—Helen Jacobs, Berkeley, Cal., won the women's national tennis championship for the second straight time today when Mrs. Helen Willis Moody, seven times champion, defaulted to her after three games of the third and deciding set of their final match. The scores were 8-6, 3-6, 3-0.

PORTLAND, Aug. 26 (AP)—Following the letter of more than a million dollars in highway work during the past two days, the state highway commission announced a new letting of between \$400,000 and \$750,000 would be made on Sept. 16, the date of the next highway meeting. This sum would take care of about eight projects now contemplated for letting, which are to be announced in about a week.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 26 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and his wife landed here this afternoon after a flight from Lerwick, in the Shetland Islands.

DENVER MAN IS KIDNAPED; HUNT BEGINS

Store Executive Believed Mistaken by Abductors For One of May Family

DENVER, Aug. 26 (AP)—Department of justice agents and police directing a search through Colorado and Wyoming for Bernard Bitterman, 28-year-old department store executive, believe he was kidnaped by persons who thought him a member of the family of David May, founder of the May company stores.

Bitterman disappeared Thursday night after a feminine voice informed him over the telephone his brother, Robert, had been injured and taken to the hospital. A similar voice already had telephoned his mother the young man would be working late. He has not been seen by friends or relatives since.

Alfred Trietsch, manager of the store, received a note mailed from Cheyenne, Wyo.: "Your nephew is O. K. You'll hear from us later." It was signed NRA.

KIDNAP PLOT THWARTED

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 26 (AP)—An unflagging pursuit was maintained today in the investigation which Connecticut authorities said had thwarted a kidnaping plot on the very eve of its execution.

TEXAS VOTE FOR REPEAL MEASURE

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 26 (AP)—Early voters rolled up a 12 to 1 margin here today in favor of repeal of the 18th amendment and legalization of 3.2 beer. From nine precincts, the first in the state to report, the unofficial vote was 181 for repeal and 15 against. Voting was brisk.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 26 (AP)—Early reports from scattered precincts in Dallas county today indicated repeal of the 18th amendment and legalization of beer were carrying with majorities ranging from 3 to 1 to 5 to 1. The \$20,000,000 relief bond issue appeared to be losing.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood today at 51 1/2 to 55 cents, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26 (AP)—Wheat moved moderately higher today in erratic and light trading. An early advance was induced by an upturn of about two cents a bushel more than was expected in Liverpool wheat prices. Liverpool strength was attributed to signing of the agreement at the London wheat conference, but this was passed by her without notice.

TURN SOUTH TO YAMHILL AREA TODAY

Flames Now Raging on 125-Mile Front in Northwestern Oregon

THREE THOUSAND MEN DRIVEN BACK

Stiff Wind Adds to Difficulties of Fire Fighters; Several Farm Homes Destroyed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26 (AP)—In a tempestuous red fury against which 3000 fire fighters could not stand, Oregon's most devastating forest fires today continued their mad sweep to the shoreline of the Pacific.

Thousands of acres of the west's most valuable timber were being consumed by the seething torrent of flames which made a furnace of the mountains, ridges and ravines of the northwestern tip of Oregon.

The fire center was on a direct airline about 45 miles due west of Portland in the vicinity of the Wilson and Trask rivers which empty into Tillamook bay.

125-Mile Front
Fire wardens said the flames were burning on a 125-mile front. One end of the fire had moved deep into the Flora Logging company holdings (Continued on Page Two)

Yakima Trouble Dies Down But Guard Continues

YAKIMA, Wash., Aug. 26 (AP)—Fruit picking activities, at the height of the pear season, returned toward normal today, with bitter wage clashes between growers and laborers apparently in check, but with state patrolmen and national guardsmen still on duty.

Rigid rules against picketing and street meetings, however, still remained in effect, and 75 persons were in jail.

J. C. Young, an elderly rancher who first came to the valley 27 years ago, was also improving, although his skull was fractured by a rock thrown in a fierce melee two days ago. Fourteen other persons, also were recovering from lip injuries.

Last night, on a "tip," state patrolmen raided an island camp of 12 persons in the Yakima river, and confiscated two loaded rifles, a supply of ammunition and a number of banners. No arrests were made but the tents were torn down, on their condemnation as "unsanitary" by county health authorities.

SAMUEL INSULL IS DETAINED BY GREEK OFFICERS

ATHENS, Aug. 26 (AP)—Samuel Insull, under indictment in the United States in connection with the collapse of his utility interests, was detained by authorities here today.

After a brief hearing concluded on Dec. 27, 1932, Greece refused to extradite the former Chicago utilities operator. Subsequently he announced plans to remain in Greece, and was reported to be seeking citizenship in Greece.

On Feb. 27, 1933, he, his brother, Martin, and 16 others were indicted for mail fraud in stock sales.

Since June the United States government has studied plans for seeking his extradition once more.

WOMAN KILLS ONE, WOUNDS HOSTESS

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 26 (AP)—A woman specialist in psychiatry and hygiene last night ran amuck with a butcher knife in the home of a woman friend, herself a doctor of prominence, taking the life of the housekeeper and seriously wounding her hostess.

Dr. Virginia Wilson, 35, a graduate of Washington University at St. Louis, stabbed and killed Miss Ann Kiffin, 50, and, wheeling on Dr. Anita Muhl, 40, inflicted severe wounds before the older woman was able to overpower her assailant and shove her out of the house.

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 interviewee will be granted two complimentary tickets to the Liberty Theatre. The current attraction is vandeville attraction and Laurel and Hardy in "The Devil's Brother."

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An initiative proposing to exempt Oregon taxpayers from \$1200 assessed property valuation has received a ballot title and may go on the November, 1934 ballot. It would be applicable to all kinds of taxable property, including state, county and municipal taxes.

L. Keffer, 1901 Adams, says: "The measure would catch the man with the expensive house and the little property owner would benefit from the exemption. I also believe it would encourage the payment of taxes."

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