

# La Grande Again Wins National Guard Rifle Title

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# AGED COVE MAN FOUND MURDERED

## FLOWER SHOW STAGED BY CLUB WOMEN

Fall Event Held Saturday at La Grande Hotel by Neighborhood Club

## JUDGES SELECT PRIZE WINNERS

Program Also Enjoyed by Crowd Gathered to View Best Blossoms Grown in La Grande.

Riotous color, blossoms of every hue, proud winners of awards, admiring guests—all were combined in the annual fall flower show sponsored Saturday at the La Grande hotel ballroom by the Neighborhood Club.

The success of the show was due to the able effort of Mrs. Arnold L. Grapapp, chairman of the committee, and her corps of assistants, Mrs. John Thelsen, Mrs. Floyd Sherwood, Mrs. H. A. Zurbick, Mrs. Hal Bohm, Mrs. J. T. Richardson, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. George Currey, Mrs. R. A. Wilkerson, Mrs. Wm. Miller, Mrs. P. A. Bland, Mrs. W. B. Pickens, Mrs. J. W. Knowles, Mrs. Geo. B. Richardson, Miss Violet Melville, Mrs. W. H. Hertzog, Mrs. J. R. Williamson, Mrs. C. H. Bidwell, Mrs.

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## District Home Loan Office Is Making Progress

Business continues to be rushing at the La Grande district office of the Home Loan Owners' corporation, according to Manager C. J. Shorb, who reported today that four local applications will soon be ready for final action. Several others, between 25 and 30, are now progressed to a point where they are in the hands of the district office for its investigations.

A large number of applications for home loans have been received since the office was opened here several days ago. Mr. Shorb reports that in several cases, companies holding mortgages have refused to accept bonds for their mortgages, although he says that the bonds went on the market last week at 92.

Grant county has been added to the La Grande district, making nine counties in this section instead of eight. Mr. Shorb returned from Portland last night where he spent the weekend. He also visited home loan officers in the various counties in his district between La Grande and Portland. He is to address a mass meeting of home owners at Baker tomorrow at 2 p. m. in the court house.

Appraiser H. H. Cleaver has just returned from two days spent in Wallawa county in connection with the work of the office.

## GIRL SLIGHTLY HURT BY AUTO

Donna Red, 6, was slightly injured Saturday at 1 p. m. when she was hit by a car driven by Sarah Williamson at Adams and Chestnut. The driver had the car almost at a stop in an effort to avoid the accident. It is reported.

## POLICE CHIEF'S DOG IN WOODS A WEEK

If "Lady", Police Chief Jim Steffen's black cocker spaniel, could talk, she would have an unusually interesting story to tell.

A week ago yesterday, Mr. Steffen and some others were grouse hunting in the hills west of La Grande and "Lady" strayed from the group. Search the remainder of the day and last Monday failed to find any trace of her and she was practically given up for lost.

Mr. Steffen inserted a small advertisement in the Observer the next day, but still the dog did not show up.

Yesterday the dog, weary and thin,

## WILL ROGERS says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 10.—Well, I guess I am all wet as usual, but a headline in all the papers like this don't particularly add to my patriotism: "Cuba Picks New President as Battleship Mississippi Steams Into Port"—any more than the following one would: "United States of America Having Internal Trouble and His Majesty, King George, Has Dispatched His Dreadnaughts to Stand by in New York Harbor to Protect British Investments in America and to See That the Right Man is Elected." But that couldn't happen, for they are both big nations and would mean war.

But when one nation is big and one is little, why the little nation's port is just like a public regatta. Everybody can come in that's got a boat. The whole thing is I see it all over the world today is that the little nations has got no business being little. Yours,

Will Rogers.

## LUMBERMEN PLANNING TO ENFORCE CODE

La Grande Made Headquarters of Large District at Meet Here.

When lumbermen from the northwest gathered at the Sacajawea Inn Saturday to consider the lumbermen's code of which the Western Pine association is the divisional administrator, the states of the northwest were divided into different districts to facilitate administration and enforcement of the code. La Grande was named the headquarters of the district which includes Central and Southern Idaho and Northeastern Oregon.

A board of directors was elected to police the policies of the NRA and the Western Pine association which

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## GOLF FINALS SEE FATHER VS. SON

When Charles H. Reynolds defeated Lawrence Bay yesterday in the semi-finals of the club championship tournament at the La Grande country club, he became the third of the Reynolds family to vie for golf honors this year. He will meet his son, Buddy Reynolds, who defeated Charles Binger, in the championship finals.

Mrs. Reynolds is meeting Mrs. John Ormand to decide the women's title.

## "Joe Palooka" Is Mysteriously Lost

"Joe Palooka," the comic strip appearing in the Observer, apparently was lost in the mails or sent to a wrong destination, and today the Observer is forced to go to press without this comic. It will appear again as soon as "Joe" can be located.

## COMPANY E'S RIFLE TEAM WINS MATCH

Ninth Consecutive Victory For La Grande Unit of Second Battalion.

## CORPORAL PLANK IS HIGH SCORER

La Grande's Score of 1286 is Closely Followed By Baker Company's Total of 1251.

Company E, 186th Infantry of La Grande, defended its title as Second Battalion rifle champion on the range near Hot Lake Sunday, winning the coveted national guard trophy for the ninth consecutive year.

Baker guardsmen, members of Company F, gave the local team its closest competition, firing a 1251 to La Grande's 1286. Before the rapid fire Baker was pressing La Grande very closely, but Company E's marksmen showed up best in the final rounds.

Union with 1187 was third and Pendleton with 1140 was fourth. Retains Pearce Cup

By winning La Grande also retains possession of the J. H. Pearce & Son trophy for another year.

Corporal George M. Plank, of Company E, was high scorer with 228 and missed perfect 50s by one point in

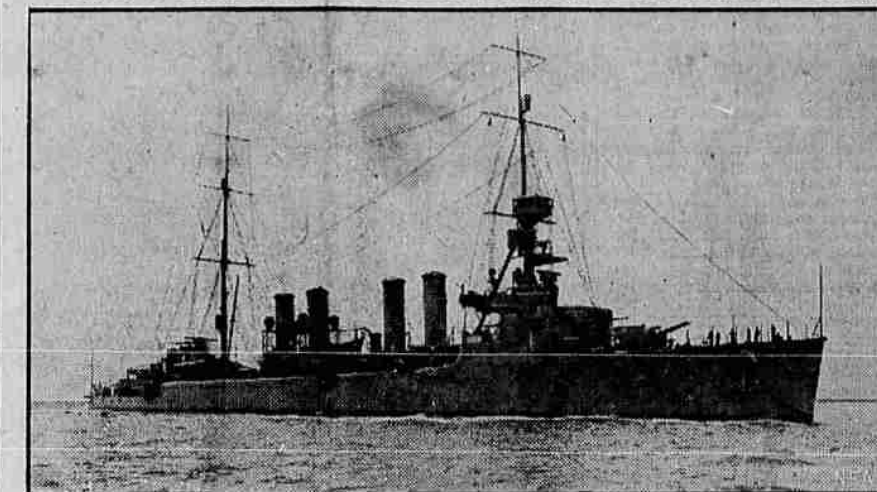
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## Closing In On Convicts After Bloody Escape

ANGOLA, La., Sept. 11 (AP)—Scores of armed guards early today began to close in on a canebrake seven miles northeast of Angola prison farm where eleven desperate convicts were believed surrounded after a bloody Sunday prison break in which three men were killed and at least four others wounded. Two guards and one convict were killed during a fierce gun battle.

Twelve convicts, three of them inmates with previous escapes and many of them long termers, used smuggled pistols to take possession of Camp E, a sugar farm at the state penitentiary, during a Sunday afternoon baseball game.

## U. S. WARSHIPS AT CUBA TO PROTECT AMERICANS



Flagship of the U. S. Navy special service squadron which was rushed to Cuba to protect American lives and property when the new revolt flared on the island is the U. S. S. Richmond, above, a light cruiser carrying a complement of 425 enlisted men and 65 marines. On this ship, Rear Admiral C. S. Freeman, now in command in Cuban waters, makes his headquarters.

## DEATH COMES TO GILBERT HUNTER SUNDAY MORNING

Gilbert Hunter, 39 years of age, died at the Grande Ronde hospital Sunday morning after a five years illness. News of the death brought sadness to his large circle of friends.

Funeral services will be held at the chapel of the Walker Funeral Home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with Rev. J. George Wale, of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial will take place in the Island City cemetery in the family plot.

Mr. Hunter was a native of Union county, and the son of William G. Hunter, noted farmer and miller of the earlier history of this section. He leaves his widow, two brothers, Albert B. Hunter, former state senator and now a member of the state industrial accident commission, of Salem; and Charles A. Hunter, former representative in the state legislature, of Wallawa; three sisters, Mrs. Avery Harrison and Mrs. Wilber Zurbick.

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## IDEAL SUMMER DAY ENJOYED

Summer served notice that it is still hanging around Sunday, when the mercury moved up to 81 above and La Grande people enjoyed to the fullest a sunny day.

Fair weather was predicted for tonight and tomorrow by the Portland weather bureau.

## Cat Goes To Fire And Comes Back With a Family

CHICAGO, Sept. 11 (AP)—Felicia, a cat mascot of fire engine company No. 48, decided to go for a ride last night, and hopped on the running board of the engine as it left the station to help put a fire.

Upon returning to the station the firemen learned that they had six mascots, Felicia having made them five presents while they were busy fighting the fire.

## LOST BALLOONS ARE DISCOVERED

SUDBURY, Ont., Sept. 11 (AP)—Ward D. Van Orman and Frank A. Trotter, American balloonists, who participated in the James Gordon Bennett cup race from Chicago and who had been missing more than a week, were found today between Sudbury and Abitibi Canyon in Northern Ontario. They were ill from the hardships they had undergone in the bush country.

(RIVIERE A. PIERRE, Que., Sept. 11 (AP)—Refreshed after two nights of sound sleep and a number of hearty meals, Captain Franciszek Hynek and Lieutenant Zdzislaw Bryznaki, Polish balloonists who landed in the

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## CITY SCHOOL REGISTRATION LEADING 1932

Definite Figures Not Available But All Indications Point to a Gain.

Regular school work tomorrow! That was the schedule in La Grande's public schools, with all preliminaries taken care of today. In fact, several regular classes were held this afternoon, including two in the high school.

Enrollment figures were incomplete today, although it was reported about 600 registered at L. H. S. this morning with more expected. Figures on grade school enrollment were expected soon. All indications pointed to heavier enrollment this year than last.

Most of this morning was spent getting the children lined up in their various rooms, etc.

An assembly was held at the high school this morning with addresses by Col. R. Eberhard, chairman of the school board, and E. H. DeLong, O. H. Reynolds and A. W. Nelson, representing the Hi-Dads.

Ralph Floborg presented the pep cup to Glen MacKenzie, representing

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## NRA RETAIL CODE NEARING JOHNSON

By James Cape  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—Despite pleas for delay from NRA's consumers advisory board, the retail code—covering more workers and more individual employers' establishments than any other trade compact—was being prepared today for presentation to Administrator Hugh S. Johnson tonight or tomorrow, with the hope President Roosevelt could sign it within a day or two.

While the muddle over the new bituminous coal code drafted by Johnson continued unclear pending tomorrow's public hearing, Deputy Administrator Arthur D. Whitehead was finishing a report of

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## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood today at about 50 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11 (AP)—Widespread notice given to talk of likelihood soon of some form of currency inflation led to skyrocketing of all grain values today.

The inflation talk had its origin chiefly in remarks credited to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in which he was reported to have said the commodity dollar appealed to administration officials as the best if not the only means of controlled inflation. Some grain buying also was due to prospects that government crop figures today might make a bullish showing, especially as to corn.

Wheat closed unsettled, 2 1/2-3 1/4c above Saturday's finish, corn 1 1/2-1 3/4c up, oats 1 1/2-1 3/4c advanced, and provisions varying from 15 cents decline to a rise of 10 cents.

## J. A. ALLEN, 83, VICTIM OF ROBBER, OFFICERS AGREE; NO CLUES AS TO SLAYER

Body of Recluse Found Sunday By Son; Man Believed Killed About Supper Time Friday Evening; All His Belongings Ransacked and Small Amount of Money Taken From His Person; Inquest Will Be Held But Time to Be Announced By Coroner Walker Later.

"Who killed John Allen?" That is the question that not only is puzzling officers today but Union county people as a whole.

The body of J. A. Allen, 83-year-old Cove recluse, was found at his home near Cove Sunday during the noon hour by his son, Royal, and every indication pointed to murder of the man by a robber or robbers. There were no clues found beyond bloody footprints in one of the rooms and in other parts of the house, and they could not be traced away from the house.

Sheriff Jesse Breshears is at Cove today continuing investigations which were started yesterday by the sheriff and Coroner George Walker, who stated that an inquest would be held but that the time would be set later.

It is one of the most mysterious slayings in Union county history, officers agree. There were rumors that Mr. Allen had a sum of money in his home, but relatives believe he had no more than \$25 or \$30, which was taken, along with his keys. Whether the criminals took anything else is unknown, as relatives were not very familiar with his possessions, and so far could account for no other missing articles.

As officers reconstruct the crime, Mr. Allen was at his table eating his evening meal sometime between 6 and 7 p. m. Friday evening. He apparently was struck over the head, then dragged to another room and gagged and bound. Two handkerchiefs were used for the gag, one of them stuck nearly down his throat. There were marks on his throat also, and death may have been caused either by strangulation or the blow on his head. A rasp was found nearby but there were no bloodstains on the instrument. No watch was found on Mr. Allen's body but his sons were not sure whether he owned one.

Mr. Allen was last seen in his field Friday about 5:30 p. m. by his son Royal.

Dr. A. L. Richardson performed an autopsy on the body this morning, which is at the Walker's Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements. He was born Dec. 5, 1850 in New York state. In spite of his age, he was in rugged health, and well able

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## Masked Robbers Get Cash Boxes In Daylight Coup

ST. PAUL, Sept. 11 (AP)—Eight masked robbers held up two railway express company employees at the door of their office today, escaping with two large cash boxes which the police said contained between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Cash boxes were on a hand truck outside the door of the express company office, near the Union station, ready to be taken to Minneapolis.

After disarming Mangan and Moles, the robbers sped away in their car. They fired two shots in the air as they went.

The victims said the robbers had white handkerchiefs tied around the lower parts of their faces. They said the license plates on their sedan were turned so it was impossible to read the numbers.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 11 (AP)—Heavy balloting in the cities marked the early voting today in the state's election to name delegates to a convention to act on repeal of the 18th amendment and decide four referendum questions of state interest.

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## INSTALL ANOTHER CUBAN PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt let it be known today that his attitude toward the

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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. Wight each interviewed will be granted two complimentary tickets to the Liberty Theatre. The current attraction is Spencer Tracy and Joan Bennett in "Me And My Gal."

The condition of the city streets has been widely discussed and whether to clean or not to clean is causing some debates. Perry Lofton, 3208 Lake St., says, "Wait until it rains and save taxes."

## Today's Baseball

| AMERICAN LEAGUE                            |       | R. H. E. |
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| Detroit                                    | ..... | 5 11 0   |
| New York                                   | ..... | 1 4 1    |
| Marberry and Hayworth; Ruffing and Dickey. |       |          |
| First Game                                 |       | R. H. E. |
| Chicago                                    | ..... | 3 0 1    |
| Philadelphia                               | ..... | 5 7 0    |
| Lyons and Berry; Grove and Cochran.        |       |          |

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