

Apple Crop One of Finest Ever Produced in Valley

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EMPLOYMENT GAINS DURING MONTH

ORCHARDISTS EXPECT BIG APPLE YIELD

H. H. Weatherspoon Reports Good Size, Color, Condition and Quality

OTHER GROWERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Fair Price Return is Expected; Packing of Apple Crop Probably Will Begin On Sept. 22.

Apple growers in the Elgin and Imbler districts of Union county, where most of the county crop is produced, are viewing their orchards with hopeful eyes these days, with an exceptionally good crop in prospect. H. H. Weatherspoon, the apple king of this section of the state, who has extensive orchards in the Elgin district, reports apples excellent in size, color, condition and quality. He reports the present year's crop to be the finest he ever has seen in this district.

Other growers also tell of unusual crop prospects. Mr. Weatherspoon, who recently made an extensive sales tour of the middle west, expects fair price conditions with no sensational returns to be looked forward to. His warehouse equipment is being conditioned for handling the crop, and packing operations will begin about Sept. 22. All operations this year are being conducted under NRA code regulations and applications are being filed for a considerable number of positions for skilled labor in the packing process.

It is expected, says the Elgin Recorder, that the production of apples

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BANKERS OF FOUR COUNTIES ARE TO GATHER AT UNION

A meeting of bankers of Union, Wallowa, Baker and Grant counties will be held tomorrow night at Union, with a dinner to be served at 6:30 o'clock, it was announced today. Ted Cramer, secretary of the Oregon Bankers association, who is on his way back from the east where he attended the American Bankers association convention, is to be the main speaker.

It is expected that all banks in the four counties will be represented at the meeting.

No Developments Today In Allen Slaying Case

There were no new developments today in the case of the killing of J. A. Allen, 63-year-old Cove farmer, last Friday evening at his home west of Cove.

Sheriff Jesse Breshers and District Attorney Carl Helm are in Portland today on a mission in connection with evidence they say has been obtained in the case.

Lewis Stevens, 20, arrested near Shanks Tuesday morning, is being held in the county jail. No charge has been filed against him.

CONTRACTOR IN CITY TODAY

C. A. Ludberg, of Spokane, who received the contract for the Weston-Elgin road, was in La Grande this morning en route to his new work.

LITTLE GOLD FROM UNION AND WALLOWA

Resumption of mining? There hasn't been very much in Union county, but a government report just issued shows a small amount taken from Wallowa county in 1932—exactly 4.53 fine ounces, all from placer mining. Taking \$20.67 as the average value of gold per ounce for that period—the figure the government report gives—the value of the gold taken from Wallowa county figures at \$93.64. No silver, copper, lead or zinc

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 14.—Say, they are having a time out here in California in the courts over something I bet a lot of you don't know anything about. They drill an oil well down straight for quite a little ways, then they get a "gadget" that turns it off to one side, and they head it out toward where they know some oil is.

Mr. Roosevelt owns what's in the ocean, but these old boys are diving down, turning to the left, and robbing the poor Democrats.

It's a great thing for these states that have no oil. All you do is drill a few "cockeyed" wells near the line and go over and get it from "Ma" Ferguson, or "Alfalfa Bill" Murray. By the way, where do you get one of those tools? Yours,

Will Rogers
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WAGE DISPUTE CLOSES DOWN PACKING PLANT

Grande Ronde Meat Company Employees Ask For Wage Increase.

First labor trouble to develop in a La Grande industry of size in several years, occurred here this morning at the Grande Ronde Meat Co. packing plant, slaughter house and retail stores. As a result, the slaughter house and packing plant were closed down today, according to E. A. Epling, president of the company, and will remain closed until "conditions are more favorable." Mr. Epling, in an interview with an Observer reporter, said that he would purchase his supplies on the open market for the present. The retail stores were being operated with new help today.

Mr. Epling, in a statement today, summarized the trouble as follows: About November, 1932 employees of the company took a 20 per cent salary reduction with the understanding that the old schedule of pay would be resumed whenever conditions warranted. Employees claim conditions at present do warrant a return to the old schedule, but Mr. Epling is emphatic in his contention that such is not the case.

Yesterday, at 5:30 o'clock, Mr. Epling said, a demand was presented to him, signed by many of his employees, that the old schedule be resumed and that they be paid every Saturday, and that this take effect this morning. The present plan is to

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SUPPLIES ARE STOLEN FROM LATHAM HOME

W. W. Latham, of 3008 Third street, reports to the police that his home was entered last night and that a considerable quantity of supplies was stolen.

Missing items included three 50-pound sacks of flour, three 10-pound sacks of corn meal, extracts, soap and other articles.

FALL HANDICAP TO BEGIN AT GOLF COURSE

The fall handicap tournament at the La Grande country club golf course, is to begin with the qualifying round Sunday, it was announced today.

Thirty-two are to qualify, and qualifying play will continue throughout next week.

Gets U. S. Post



E. G. Bennett, Ogden, Utah, utilities magnate and vice-president of a chain of Utah, Idaho and Wyoming banks, named by President Roosevelt as a director of the Federal Deposit Commission, with headquarters in Washington.

THURSDAY RAINS HEAVIEST SINCE LAST OF APRIL

The heaviest rainfall in La Grande since April 30 occurred here yesterday and last night, with 39 of an inch of precipitation measured for the 24-hour period ending at 7 o'clock this morning.

It brought the total rainfall for September to .84 of an inch. Accompanying the rain was a drop in temperature, last night's minimum being 42 compared with 56 on Wednesday night. The maximum Wednesday was 89 and yesterday's high was 62, a drop of 27 degrees.

Clouds remained overhead this morning, but the weather was unsettled, with the sun peeping through occasionally. The weather forecast indicates unsettled weather with local showers tonight or Saturday, and continued cool.

No damage was believed done to fruit or grain by the rainfall, although work in the harvest fields was halted.

MRS. ANTHONY WILL GO EAST

Mrs. Mathilde Anthony is leaving La Grande tomorrow on the Portland Rose for Topeka, Kan., where she will join her daughter Miss Hilda Anthony and Miss Ida McKeekin and to make her home in the future. On her way to Topeka, Mrs. Anthony will stop in Columbus, Neb., to spend a week with relatives and friends.

MRS. BINGNER IS IMPROVING

Mrs. Charles Bingner, who has been very ill at the Grande Ronde hospital, is reported as being much improved the past few days.

PRODUCTS OF THIS COUNTY TO BE SHOWN

Booths For Home Products and Merchandise Displays Being Obtained

WILL BE PART OF SHOW SEPT. 28-29

Several Companies, Organizations Already Sign For Booths With Others Making Plans.

Booths for home product and merchandise displays at the annual Grande Fair and Home Products show to be held here Thursday and Friday, Sept. 28 and 29, at the L. D. S. Recreational hall, are being signed up for at present, it is announced.

Already 13 booths have been definitely taken and some others are being arranged for. A few more booths are available, it is reported, and may be obtained by communicating with the chamber of commerce officials.

The cost of the booths to exhibitors this year has been materially reduced, according to Grande Fair and Home Products show officials. The first 13 to sign up for booths are as follows: Grande Ronde Meat company, W. H. Bohnenkamp company, Grande Ronde Co-operative creamery, Red & White stores, Blue Mountain grange, Blue Mountain creamery, Standard Laundry, The Observer, E. O. L. and P. company, Safeway Stores, Fitzgerald Furniture company, H. & S. Electric company and Roy Farman Supply company.

The trend, of course, will be to feature home products as much as possible, and it is in displays like this that many La Grande people learn much of home products of which they were not even aware previously. These booths always represent one of the most interesting sections of the annual fair event.

FLUE FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED

A flue fire at 1702 Oak street was extinguished at 8:10 o'clock last night by the fire department. No damage was done and the run was made by the fire truck on a silent call.

EMBARRASSING MOMENT

Janet Bingner, song queen, led in a song session with Ole Mae Hough at the piano. Johnny Groupe, yell king, led in yelling and Dave Hlatt, last year's yell king, also led some yells.

Daughter Beats Mother in Finals



FIRST ASSEMBLY AT L. H. S. TODAY; PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The first student body assembly of the fall at La Grande High school was held this morning, and at its completion, announcements were made concerning the open house program at the High school tonight from 7:30 to 9:30, when the doors will be open for visitors.

Ushering at the open house tonight will be done by members of the Associated Girl Students under the direction of Miss Eleanor Vernon. The public is cordially invited.

Ralph Floberg, student body president, presided at the assembly and Marjorie Spencer, secretary, read the minutes of last spring's final meeting. Dave Stoddard, business manager, gave a talk concerning coming ticket sale drives.

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RETAIL CODE TO GO BEFORE GEN. JOHNSON

NRA Administrator to Analyze Finally Revised Draft Sometime Today

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Soft coal operators today against tonight's presidential deadline to complete an NRA code for their basic industry. Disturbed by reports of shooting and rioting in Western Pennsylvania's strike area, President Roosevelt last night gave the operators just the 24 hours they requested to wind up negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—A finally revised draft of the basic retail trade code, believed by officials

CUBAN REBELLION PUT DOWN TODAY

By Edmund A. Chester (Copyright, 1933, by The Associated Press)

HAVANA, Sept. 15 (AP)—An official announcement late today said: Captain Fernando Aran and his rebellious followers in Pinar Del Rio province had surrendered at noon.

The announcement, issued at the palace, said the followers of Aran numbered approximately 40 soldiers and 15 civilians. Their subversive movement was started at midnight.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Increased trouble in Cuba sharpened official apprehension today lest outbreaks threaten American life and property in a manner to require American troops' protection.

Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood today at about 32 cents bulk, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15 (AP)—In a late reaction, wheat underwent a tumble of about 2 1/2 cents after yesterday's close. Rallies quickly ensued, however, and the market closed even with yesterday.

Enlarged speculative selling and an easier tone in securities had a bearish effect. Canadian advices said 2,500,000 bushels of wheat had been taken today for shipment overseas, and there were indications 1,000,000 bushels of wheat here would soon be moved to eastern lake ports.

Wheat closed nervous, 1/4c off to 1/4c up compared with yesterday's finish. Corn 1/4c advanced, oats at 1/4c decline to 1/4c gain, and provisions varying from 10c setback to a rise of 7c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

DENIES SUPPRESSING AUDITS
CLAIRE UNWILLING TO PAY
ALLEGED BANDIT ARRESTED
CHEVALIER IN ACCIDENT

SALEM, Sept. 15 (AP)—Following controversies over audits of the state college and failure in attempts to secure these audits for publication, Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, here today released all information pertaining to the Buell and Rubin audits as well as the college replies, with a statement of facts concerning the entire situation. Hoss stated that at no time had his office suppressed these audits, but when made he supplied the governor's office, the chancellor's office and the chairman of the state board of higher education with copies. Requests for further copies, he said, were referred to the chairman of the board of higher education.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15 (AP)—Ordered by a superior court jury to pay Mrs. Marian Read \$75,000 for alienation of affections of her former husband, Alfred C. Read Jr., Claire Windsor said today she would marry if necessary to escape paying the judgment. She plans to appeal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15 (AP)—Arrested on the complaint of his wife that he had threatened her life, James Lawson was in jail here today, described by police as a member of the notorious Bailey gang of Kansas City bank robbers and machine gun bandits. Inspectors Fred Butz and Cornelius Desmond said Lawson he confessed to three middle western robberies in which the loot totaled \$185,000.

Hollywood, Cal., Sept. 15 (AP)—Maurice Chevalier, French film star, had a narrow escape from possible death in a spectacular automobile crash here early today. His injuries, however, are reported as not serious.

SPENDING POWER ENLARGED, SAYS BUSINESS REPORT

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—Reports from all parts of the country this week to Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., emphasize the enlarged spending power running into millions of dollars and the rapid disappearance of suspense and apprehension noted before the NRA was general support. The company's weekly review of business said that even the smaller

Portland Group Seeks Big Share Of Relief Money

SALEM, Sept. 15 (AP)—The controversy between Portland delegates and up-state groups over allocation of the more than \$6,000,000 federal funds for road work will feature the meeting of the highway commission at Portland tomorrow, it was indicated.

FORD TO EMPLOY 5000 WAR VETS

DETROIT, Sept. 15 (AP)—Rex Humphrey, commander of the Wayne county (Detroit) council of the American Legion, announced today that the Ford Motor Co. had authorized him to employ 5000 war veterans for the company's Detroit plants.

Humphrey said 300 veterans a day will be hired by him, beginning Monday, until the quota is filled. The Ford company declined to make any comment on the employment.

Today's Baseball

CUBS LOSE TO GIANTS
CHICAGO, Sept. 15 (AP)—Hal Schumacher held the Cubs to six hits today and the New York Giants defeated the Cubs 5 to 1 in the first game of the doubleheader. The victory, New York's first in three games of the series, increased the Giants' lead to 6 1/2 games.

The score:
New York..... 5 10 0
Chicago..... 1 6 1
Schumacher and Mancuso; Tinning, Malone, Hermann and Hartnett.
First Game:
Philadelphia..... 4 8 0
Cincinnati..... 0 2 0
Grabowski and Davis; Johnson, Frey and Crouch, Lombardi.

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 Buddy Rogers and Marian Nixon in "Best of Enemies."

Oregon's state system of higher education has become the object of a great deal of discussion recently, what with the meeting of the board meeting in Portland earlier this week. Jack Hutchinson, 1607 Fifth street, says, "When education begins to assume all the characteristics of a Topsy Dome scandal, and even those in authority begin to quarrel among themselves then I think students should start going to other states where the professors at least have confidence in their positions."

750,000 MEN PUT TO WORK; PAYROLLS UP

Secretary Perkins Announces Wage Increases For U. S. of 11.6 Pct.

EMPLOYMENT NOT YET AT NORMAL

Attributes Gain to "Success of the NRA and Other Efforts Toward Industrial Recovery."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (AP)—Secretary Perkins estimated today that 750,000 workers returned to jobs in August and that payrolls in 88 of the principal manufacturing industries increased \$12,000,000, indicating "the success of the NRA and other efforts toward industrial recovery."

In a statement, she estimated 380,000 found employment in factories and 370,000 in 16 non-manufacturing groups in August.

The factory employment gain over July was 6.4 per cent and the payroll increase 11.6 per cent.

She estimated a 2,200,000 gain in employment in both manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries since the low point.

This was a gain of 25.9 per cent, of the normal average in 1926 and payrolls were 48 per cent below that year.

The August employment index reached the highest point in more than two years, and the payroll figure was the highest since December, 1931.

"Factory payrolls moved faster than employment," Mrs. Perkins said, "indicating that purchasing power of factory workers was being to some extent revived."

Of the eighty-nine industries surveyed, eighty-one reported increased employment last month, and eighty-three had higher payrolls, compared with July.

Stabilization Of Lumber Output Said Necessary

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 15 (AP)—Stabilization of lumber production as provided in the NRA code must be accomplished or lumbermen face the inability to pay code wages and another unprofitable winter, members of the industry were warned here yesterday during a meeting of lumbermen, loggers, millwrights and manufacturers, called into session by the

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