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GETTLE KIDNAPERS SENTENCED

40 UNION CO. YOUTHS GO TO C. C. C. CAMPS

Thirty to Leave Tomorrow for Station At Tollgate.

TEN ALREADY IN WHITMAN FOREST

Work to Continue For Approximately Six Months Time, According to C. B. Miller.

Forty Union county young men have been selected for C. C. C. jobs at Whitman and Tollgate camps. It was announced today by Charles B. Miller, one of these already have gone to Whitman and the other 30 will leave at 10 o'clock tomorrow for Tollgate, to begin a six-month enlistment period.

The ten going to Whitman are: Kenneth Proctor, Otto Aas, Herbert Barker, Allen Mills, Bennie DeBorde, J. M. Martin, R. C. Heryford, Eldred Hallmark, Victor Neiger and M. C. Hawater.

The 30 for Tollgate are: Charles Hoffman, Delmer Fowler, James Smith, Alfred Shirley, Claude Self, Howard Nelson, Wilfred Wheeler, Vernon Walte, Walter L. Hinton, Beryl W. Taylor, Charles R. Kelly, Henry W. Nibley, Donald Taul, Joe Johnson, Roscoe Hurley, Ralph Hudson, Marion F. Johnson, Don Mahoney, Riley Lambert, Edward Butcher, Wayland L. Buoy, Dallas R. Calvin, Vernon Donaldson, James Chandler, George Joseph DeLaure, Harold F. Cantrell, Clarence Roe, Herbert L. Hungerford, Harold Toney and Ralph Barlow.

Seat Sale For Junior Play Is Under Way Here

Seat sales for the junior class play "Lilies of the Field," to be presented tomorrow and Friday evenings in the High school gymnasium-auditorium, began this morning. Sales were fairly good, although the business management announces that there are still some good seats available.

Matinees were presented yesterday afternoon and this afternoon to the grade school pupils, preparatory to the final showing on the two evenings.

The proceeds from the play will be used to help finance the junior-senior banquet, the annual social event of the year for the graduating class.

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FINAL PLANS ARE MADE FOR SWIM WEEK

The first of three Red Cross swim weeks to be held in Union county this year, sponsored by the Porpoise club, will begin next Monday, May 21. Final plans for the swim program were made last night at a meeting of the club.

Registration will take place at 6 p. m. May 21 in the Christian church basement. Those entering are asked to bring their ticket money that night. The first swim will be held at Cove Tuesday night. The program will continue until June 1.

FRIDAY TO BE BANK HOLIDAY

Friday, the primary election day in Oregon, will be a legal holiday. Courts will be inactive and the First National bank also will observe the holiday.

The state liquor store here also will be closed.

Will Praises L. A. Policemen



man. Looks like about all the police would have to do is arrest every man that has more than one woman along Times do change. The old-time outlaw never mixed his women and business. Yours,

Will Rogers
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TIGERS DEFEAT ELGIN NINE IN LAST GAME 7-3

County League Final Standings

Imbler	W. L. Pct.
La Grande	6 0 1.000
Cove	3 3 .500
Elgin	3 3 .500
	0 6 .000

In one of the best played high school baseball games witnessed here this year, La Grande High defeated Elgin High 7 to 3 Tuesday in the closing game of the Union county league for the two teams.

The win yesterday put the Tigers' record for the season at three wins, three losses and a percentage of .500.

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WILL GIVE TALKS ON FRUIT PESTS

O. T. McWhorter field horticulturist of the Oregon State college extension service, will be in Union county tomorrow and during his stay here will hold two meetings, one at Cove and one at Imbler, according to Harry G. Avery, county agent, who has planned the visit here.

Mr. McWhorter will hold a fruit meeting at Cove at 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of discussing spraying and other problems in connection with fruit growing.

At Imbler he will discuss ways and means of eradicating the codling moth which is still quite prevalent.

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M'KINNIS HURLS A PERFECT GAME

Keith McKinnis, pitching his final baseball game for Imbler High school, turned in a no-hit, no-run game at Imbler against Cove High yesterday. It was the second one for Keith in two years, as he turned back La Grande High last year hitless and runless.

In the contest yesterday Imbler scored 11 runs on five hits and six Cove errors.

Only 23 men faced McKinnis and 17 of them struck out. One reached first on a walk, and another was safe on an Imbler error. One of the two stole second and that was as far as Cove's attack went.

Keith, a senior, completes his school this spring. The win gave Imbler another county champion, with six victories and no defeats.

The score: R. H. E.
Cove 0 0 6
Imbler 11 5 1
Batteries: DeBorde, Mills and Chadwick; McKinnis and Fowler.

TO DO LIFE



James F. Kirk (top), and Roy Williams (below), have been sentenced to life in prison for the kidnapping of William F. Gettle, Beverly Hills millionaire, who was rescued from abductors late Monday.

MOTION DAY TO BE THURSDAY

Because of the election Friday, motion day which is usually held on Friday has been advanced one day and will be held tomorrow at the court house by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles.

PICK POLLING PLACES FOR FRIDAY VOTE

Thirteen Precincts in La Grande Selected—Number Over the County Now Reduced.

Preparations for handling the Union county vote in the primary election Friday are being completed in the county clerk's office this week. Polling places have been designated, ballot boxes turned over to the sheriff for delivery, and other details are being looked after.

The election polls will open Friday at 8 o'clock in the morning and remain open until 8 p. m. The number of precincts in La Grande remain at 13, but over the county there will be 30 instead of 36. The four precincts at Elgin have been reduced to two, the same has been done at Union; the two precincts at Cove have been consolidated, and the same is true of North Powder.

The polling places in La Grande follow:
No. 1—Frank Clivinger residence, 502 Third street.
No. 2—City hall.
No. 3—George Kennedy residence, 2008 Cedar street.
No. 4—Lane chapel, First and Crook.
No. 5—Charles Owens residence.

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Nine Tigers To Seek Points In Corvallis Meet

Coach Ira Woods and his Tiger track team which finished second in the Eastern Oregon meet here a week ago Saturday, will leave Thursday by automobile for Corvallis, to compete in the annual state high school track and field meet.

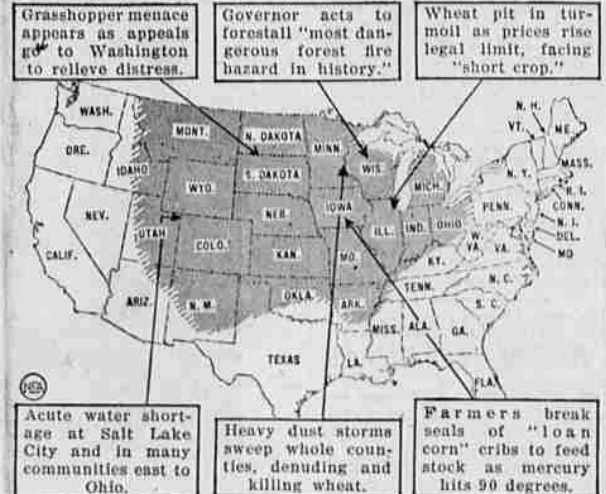
Hopes are not high that La Grande athletes will set any thing afire in Corvallis, but fans and students alike expect the team to bring home a few points.

Those making the trip from here will be Stoddard, half miler; Barker, miler; Irwin, Flossberg, Sullivan and Reynolds, relay team members; Walden, javelin thrower; Hogsensen, high jumper; and Stitt, broad jumper.

In order to qualify for state competition, high school athletes must finish either first or second in the district meets.

Others from Eastern Oregon to compete in the state meet follow: Scarcey, Largent, McCormack, Galloway and Gilchrist, all of Pendleton; Williams, Davis, Ellis, Sims, Langley and Murray, of Milton-Freewater; Lanford, Boor and Hally, all of Nyssa; Fisk, of Echo, and Bean, of Vale.

Where 'Worst Drouth' Perils Crops



The entire midwest waits anxiously for relief from "the worst drouth in a generation." Whole counties of "America's bread basket" lie parching under unseasonable heat, and nearly a month without appreciable rainfall is endangering the wheat crop. While a huge carry-over eliminates fear of actual shortage, Washington officials watch anxiously the effects on the midwest farming region.

ANNUAL POPPY CAMPAIGN TO BE MAY 25 AND 26

"Advance the Poppy Line" is the slogan that will be used during this month's national poppy campaign, culminating in a two-day poppy sale to be held in La Grande on Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. Observance will be directed by the American Legion of which Mrs. Gertrude Maxam is president. Volunteer workers to distribute the memorial flowers here are being organized by Mrs. Hazel Graham, and a large supply of the poppies have been ordered from the U. S. veterans hospital in Portland — where disabled war veterans have been given employment during

ANDERSON GIVEN V. F. W. MEMBERSHIP

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post of La Grande, at a regular meeting at Eagles hall last night, voted unanimously to confer upon Comrade Anderson, the sole Civil war veteran alive in Union county, an honorary membership in the post.

A large group of Pendleton V. F. W. members were present for the meeting, according to Commander Fred Roberts. It was the second visit from Pendleton, which had a delegation

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

FIND SOME IRREGULARITIES
ACCUSES UNITED STATES
43 MINERS FEARED DEAD
KIDNAP TRIAL NEARS END

SALEM, May 16 (AP) — Numerous irregularities in the accounting system of the state board of higher education, pointed out in comments of the annual audit released by the state department today, were caused by "lack of definitely delegated authority and responsibility" within the institutions. This was the chief criticism in the audit.

LONDON, May 16 (AP) — Stanley Baldwin, president of the council, today inferentially accused the United States of causing the breakdown a year ago of efforts to impose an embargo on arm shipments to Bolivia and Paraguay, at war in the Chaco Boreal.

BRUSSELS, Belgium, May 16 (AP) — Forty-three miners were feared today to have lost their lives in an explosion and fire which made an inferno of a coal mine at Paturages Au Flore.

PIERRE, S. D., May 16 (AP) — Portrayed by the government as will plotter in the Charles Boettcher II abduction and by the defense as protecting companions of the actual kidnappers, Mrs. Fern Sankey and Mrs. Alvina Kohler heard their kidnap conspiracy trial near its conclusion in federal court this afternoon.

FIRST ATTEMPT TO END STRIKE IS BEING MADE

PORTLAND, May 16 (AP) — In the first definite attempt to end the waterfront strike which has paralyzed shipping here for eight days, representatives of employers and of employees agreed to meet with Mayor Joseph K. Carson here today.

Meanwhile Portland's 15-miles of waterfront was quiet. Pickets delegated by the striking longshoremen were on duty, no ships were being worked, and no move was being made to send relief workers to the wharves.

It is regarded as possible, that the league of nations may take action shortly. A high authority asserted that the action would be aimed at both governments equally.

The possible lines of action might involve economic and financial cooperation with the two nations in addition to political ostracism.

PINCHOT BEATEN IN PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA, May 16 (AP) — After Senator David A. Reed had rolled up a majority of more than 100,000 in two-thirds of the state, Governor Gifford Pinchot today conceded defeat in his effort to win the Republican nomination for senator.

Blaming his defeat largely on his health which prevented him from making a personal tour of the state, the governor, who twice before had been defeated in his effort to enter the senate, left what political observers looked upon as an intimation that he may try again at the general election in the fall.

If he runs it will be on an independent ticket against Reed on the Republican ticket and Joseph F. Guffy, the Democratic nominee.

THREE GIVEN LIFE TERMS FOR SNATCH

Ray Williams, Jimmy Kirk and Larry Kerrigan Plead Guilty.

BLUFF BY FITTS BRINGS RESULTS

In Meantime, Two Women, Lauretta Woody and Mona Galligan, Held By Authorities.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 16 (AP) — A painstaking study of the desert dunes in which six-year-old Jane Bole was kept chained for 19 days was being made today by authorities in the hope her kidnappers had left some clues which might lead to their apprehension.

LOS ANGELES, May 16 (AP) — Less than forty-eight hours after they were rounded up by authorities, members of the gang which kidnaped William F. Gettle, Beverly Hills millionaire, tonight were to be started toward the grey walls of San Quentin prison.

Indicted by the county grand jury last night, the men were arraigned in superior court, and fifteen minutes later were given life sentences. They will begin the trip to San Quentin, heavily manacled and guarded, late this afternoon.

Because Gettle, who testified at the brief court hearing, said the three kidnappers, Ray Williams, Jimmy Kirk and Larry Kerrigan, had not inflicted grievous bodily harm, the three were admitted the possibility of parole after serving three and one-half years. District Attorney Byron Fitts had given the members of the gang the alternative of pleading guilty or standing trial and facing the possibility of the death sentence. The trio decided to plead guilty.

In view of Gettle's testimony that he suffered no bodily harm, court attaches pointed out that the district attorney would have had no power to demand the death penalty. However, his bluff apparently had the desired result as the men pleaded guilty without hesitation.

The grand jury voted the indictment.

Reach Agreement This Evening On Silver Measure

WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP) — President Roosevelt tonight wrote a message for transmission to congress proposing silver legislation after reaching a general agreement on principles with senate silver advocates. It was reliably reported that a unanimous agreement was reached on a bill for enactment this session.

It was said the president's message would relate to the metallic base behind the currency, including both gold and silver. The agreement was understood to provide for a mandatory declaration of policy that silver be included as a part of the metallic base of currency. The president's messages will go to congress within a day or two.

Fate of Wheat Crop Hangs In Balance Today

CHICAGO, May 16 (AP) — Unsettled weather with the possibility of showers predicted only a day away for sections of the midwest, left the destiny of the grain crop hanging in the balance today.

Wheat Today

No price was quoted here today on local cash wheat. Portland cash 73 cents.

CHICAGO, May 16 (AP) — Uncertainties resulting from proposed congressional measures toward drastic further regulation of commodity exchanges did much to drag grain values down much of the time today. Sharp late advances, however, were promoted by the fact unfavorable crop reports from the American and Canadian northwest.

Wheat closed strong, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 above yesterday's finish. July 88 1/2 @ 3 1/4, corn 1 1/4 @ 1 1/4 advanced, oats 1 1/4 @ 1 1/4 up, and provisions at a rise of 2c to 12c.

JUDGE DECIDES THAT NAVY WON THE WAR

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP) — The navy won the war, Magistrate Casey ruled in his Queens court, thereby settling a 14-year argument between Clifford Brooker and his wife, Lillian.

Brooker served in Company G, 106th Infantry, in the World war and his wife was a womanette attached to the Brooklyn navy yard.

had him arrested for disorderly conduct.

The case was called yesterday. "If your husband tells you that the navy won the war, will you be satisfied?" Magistrate Casey asked Mrs. Brooker.

She said she would. Whereupon the court ruled: "The judicial determination, so far as the happiness of the Brookers is concerned, is that the navy won the war. Is that right, Brooker?"

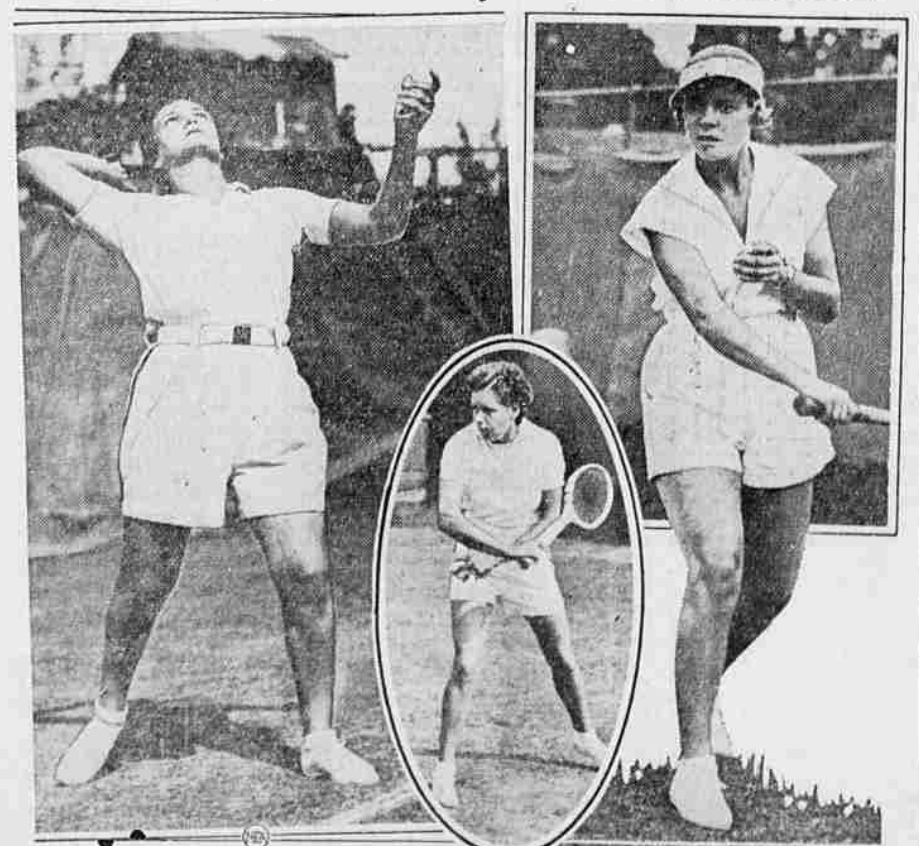
TIGERS' COLORS CAME FROM ERIN!

La Grande High school's colors? Sure, everyone knows them — blue and white, of course!

Where did they originate? We'll, let's see—hummm!

Few knew that, but here's the secret. In Ireland many years ago all athletes ran under their club colors. A young Irishman by the name of Jack Peters represented his club colors of blue and white in a meet over there. Then he crossed the ocean and came west to La Grande. Being quite some athlete, Jack saw no reason to hang up his shorts and spikes, so continued running, representing the La Grande Athletic club in the Multnomah club meets and elsewhere. And Jack, who kept right on wearing blue and white colors, did so well that the club officially adopted those shades. Naturally, it wasn't much of a step for the La Grande High school to take 'em on, too.

At that's how those Tigers came to be called blue and white laddies.



Alice Marble, right, of the U. S. Whitman Cup tennis team, has taken a half dozen pairs of shorts to Wimbledon and intends to play so attired against Britain's fair ones on June 15 and 16, despite Queen Mary's reported ban on this attire. Miss Marble's teammates, Helen Jacobs, left, and Caroline Babcock, center, also are staunch supporters of shorts.