

Rain Breaks Dry Spell Here; Grain Crop Is Benefited

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FIFTH OF INCH OF MOISTURE AIDS FARMERS

Some Hay Growers Caught, However, With Crop Down Over Valley

SNOW FALLS ON MT. EMILY TODAY

Drouth Continues Unabated in the Mid-west, With Mercury Above the 100 Mark.

A steady rain that brought nearly one-fifth of an inch of moisture to La Grande and more in some sections of the Grande Ronde valley, greeted residents this morning—the first rainfall of any consequence since May 9, when a fifth of an inch was recorded. Snow fell on Mt. Emily and the higher portions of the Blue Mountains.

Although causing some trouble to farmers with hay down, the rain brought delight to orchardists, grain growers and others. Whether more rain would fall after today was uncertain, the weather man predicting partly cloudy skies tonight and Saturday with little change in temperature.

Spring wheat growers were beginning to worry about their crops but the showers early today wiped their frown away. The rain was general over Oregon, according to reports today.

Up to 7 a. m. today 16 of an inch of rain had fallen and later in the day it was believed the total was up to about 20 of an inch. It followed a May that saw only 40 of an inch of moisture, one of the driest here in history. Normal rainfall for May is 2.05 inches. The total rainfall so far this year stands at 7.45 inches, compared with normal for the first five months of the year of 9.80.

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More Invitations To U. P. Jubilee Mailed Thursday

The home-coming committee of the semi-centennial U. P. celebration to be held here July 19-21, inclusive, sent out another mailing yesterday, according to reports by Mrs. Kate Hanley, chairman of the committee. The mailings consisted of programs and personally written invitations to a large number of persons living in out-of-town points.

The committee also is urging all La Grande people to write to friends living elsewhere and invite them to attend. Programs are available at the chamber of commerce office to be enclosed in such letters.

It was reported to the publicity committee that the Olympia, Wash. Times printed a frontpage story of the La Grande celebration this week, and that a former La Grande, now living in Olympia, is planning to organize an excursion from the Olympia district to this city for the celebration.

COURT TO HOLD MEMORIAL FOR JUDGE WILSON

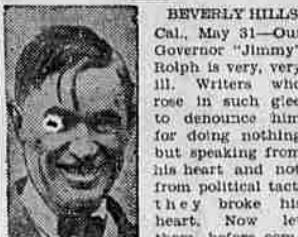
Following the custom of the circuit court to hold memorial exercises for attorneys and judges, Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles announced today that at 1:30 p. m. June 5, services would be held in the court room in honor of the late Judge B. F. Wilson, of Union.

Judge Knowles appointed J. D. Slater, chairman, Henry Hess and L. Z. Terrill as a committee to prepare resolutions. Several appropriate addresses will be made during the memorial service.

CAN IT BE SOMEONE DOESN'T NEED CASH?

How would \$2,000 in cash look to most people? An answer is unnecessary in this day and age! Yet City Recorder-Treasurer J. E. Stearns reports that somewhere in La Grande or nearby one or more persons could receive \$2,000 in cash or part of that sum merely by presenting warrants they hold. Back on April 30, more than a

Will Praises Gov. "Jimmy" Rolph



BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 31—Our Governor "Jimmy" Rolph is very, very ill. Writers who rose in such glee to denounce him for doing nothing but speaking from his heart and not from political tact, they broke his heart. Now let them, before commenting further, speak of some of the fine human qualities he possessed. Few men ever in public life will leave more real friends.

Our country's structure is built on "let the law take its course," but there has been more the matter with our laws, our courts and our justice than there has with Jimmy Rolph.

Editorial writers were against you, Jimmy (for they have to write for their public), but, gosh, it must do your old heart good to know how many mothers were for you, Yours, Will Rogers.

EAST OREGON STOCK SHOW TIME NEARS

Annual Show at Union Begins Next Thursday; Friday, June 8, to Be La Grande Day.

UNION, Ore., (Special) — With the Eastern Oregon Livestock show only a few days away, opening Thursday, June 7, committees are putting on the finishing touches to make it one of the best shows in recent years. At this week's meeting at the Union hotel, Herbert Chandler, president of the association, called for reports of the various committees and everything indicates that the show will swing into action with lively interest and a good attendance.

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PLAN BASEBALL PLAYOFF DURING U. P. CELEBRATION

Plans for a baseball playoff between the winning teams of the Blue Mountain league and the Oregon-Idaho league to be held in La Grande July 20 and 21, were announced today by Waldo Geddes, of the sports committee of the semi-centennial U. P. celebration to be held here.

A three-game series would be played with a double header scheduled for Friday and a final game Saturday. At the present, the Boise Senators are reported to be leading the Oregon-Idaho league, a fast circuit, and Baker won the first half of the Blue Mountain league, and is tied with three other teams after the first week's play in the second half.

Additional details of the playoff will be announced in the near future.

Here's An 88-Inch Delphinium

And now Deputy Sheriff Hugh Klinghammer comes forth with the statement that in his yard there grows a delphinium which measures 88 inches, or seven feet four inches, which he believes is a record for this vicinity—at least until someone comes along with the story of a large one. The Klinghammer residence is at 207 Cherry street.

IN QUEEN RACE



Miss Freida Brown, candidate of the Union Women's club in the Eastern Oregon Livestock show queen contest.

REDUCED WATER RATES IN JUNE AND JULY LIKELY

La Grande people, who have been hoping that the city commission would consent to reduced water rates during June and July in response to a suggestion made by the semi-centennial U. P. celebration committee, represented by Jim McLaughlin, general manager, apparently are due to see their hopes realized.

No action was taken at the commission meeting last night, but President Victor R. Melville laid the matter over for another week with the explanation that City Manager Angus McAllister was working out a plan for reduction of water rents for June and July. Indications are that some plan will be adopted for those two months so that citizens may keep their lawns and flower gardens in first class condition for inspection of visitors to the railroad celebration.

However, city officials today made it plain that no plan has yet been adopted, and so far water rates are exactly the same as they have been the last several years. The commission did make it plain, however, that if the plan were adopted, it would apply only to June and July.

The remainder of last night's meeting, adjourned on Wednesday because of the Memorial day holiday, was devoted to routine business. The city manager reported \$9,206.47 cash.

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LAST CHANCE TO PAY BACK TAX FOR '30

Time For Taking Advantage of Ten-Payment Plan Expires July 1 of This Year.

Unless 1930 and prior years' delinquent taxes are taken care of before July 1, property on which the taxes for those years are delinquent will go back to the county. This was the information given from the tax collecting department of the sheriff's office today by Deputy Sheriff Dick Claycomb.

The story in brief is that the 1933 legislature passed a law allowing payment installment plan, and waived penalties and interest on these taxes up to July 1, 1933. However, the new law also provided that when a third consecutive installment was missed, the property would be subject to sale by the county, and July 1, 1934 marks the expiration of the time for a third payment.

Many in Union county already have taken advantage of the ten-payment plan, and have made one, two or more

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Schools Closed Here Until Next Fall Term Begins

La Grande schools closed the 1933-34 term this afternoon when students called for their report cards at 1 p. m. No classes were held today in any of the city schools, although regular classes were held in many of them Thursday. Summer vacation begins tomorrow.

Graduation exercises for eighth graders were held this week in all the city schools, and the L. H. S. commencement was held Tuesday night. Greenwood school today reported several students with perfect attendance records for the last year, as follows:

- Second grade—James Red, Roy Baker, Glen Bay.
- Third grade—William Brooken, Fourth grade—Wanda Keltner.
- Fifth grade—Lucille Brown, Betty Hamilton, Clarence Hawes, Irene Allen, Donald Carlson.
- Sixth grade—Elizabeth Wedder, Raymond Bindey, Pauline Brooken, Cora Burgess.
- Seventh grade—Edward Brown, Ruth Little, Charlotte Burnett, Lucille Doherty, Marie McManus, Donald Pyle.
- Eighth grade—Margaret Ferdinandson, Mike Zivkovich.

LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW?



Mediators Work for Settlement



Hope of settlement of the Pacific coast's longshoremen's strike, which has paralyzed maritime shipping and tied up hundreds of vessels, centers in the above mediation board meeting in San Francisco. Left to right, Thomas G. Plant, president Waterfront Employers' Union; Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, and Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association.

EASTERN OREGON LAMBS BRING IN TOP PRICE HERE

A carload of choice Eastern Oregon lambs was sold early this week for \$7.75 per 100, net here, this being the highest price for which lambs have sold since 1930, according to H. G. Avery, county agent. Two weeks ago a shipment was made that brought \$7.60 per 100, which was a new high at that time.

The shipment was assembled by the Blue Mountain Livestock association and was sold to Cooper Brothers, of Weiser, Idaho, for shipment to Denver. This price is considerably higher than that quoted in the Portland market this week, this fact being due to the strike conditions there, and growers who expect to ship are asked to first get in touch with the county agent and information will be available as to where the highest

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School at Nyssa Destroyed by Fire

NYSSA, Ore., June 1 (AP)—Fanned by a high wind, flames last night destroyed the three-story brick school building here. About \$35,000 insurance was carried on the structure.

INCENDIARY IS SUSPICION IN MORNING FIRE

C. H. Reynolds Home Partially Destroyed; Neighbors Report Strange Men Hanging Around.

Fire, believed of an incendiary origin this morning partially destroyed the C. H. Reynolds home at 1567 First street. Police have taken into custody four suspects, who are being held for investigation.

The flames were first noticed about 10 o'clock and by 10:30 had been extinguished. The fire started in the garage.

The residence, built several years ago by Frank H. Appleby was recognized one of the finer homes of the city. There was no accurate estimate of damage this morning, but loss from both fire and water is expected to be several thousand dollars.

The southern half of the two-story building is pretty thoroughly soaked, and it was necessary to break through the roof in several places to get at the flames. There was some furniture damage, also.

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QUINTUPLETS MAY GO ON VAUDEVILLE

CORBELL, Ont., June 1 (AP)—The five Dionne sisters, famous at the tender age of four days, may go trouping this summer.

Their father, Orville Dionne, refused to divulge his plans, however, after conferring with promoters who wanted to place the quintuplets on exhibition at the Chicago World's fair.

Placed on a diet of human milk by R. A. R. Dafoe, the babies continue to thrive. Three of his tiny charges are in an incubator. Dr. Dafoe said he hoped to secure another incubator—an old-fashioned one—since the Dionne home has no electricity.

Young mothers in the district are helping feed the children. Gifts, including layettes, continued to pour into the home.

Wheat Today

No export or local wheat quotations because of the longshoremen's strike. Portland cash 80 cents.

CHICAGO, June 1 (AP)—Stop-loss selling on a big scale broke out in the grain markets late today, and prices plunged heading downward. Hectic buying which had characterized the markets earlier today and on previous days appeared to have suddenly given out, and all grains found themselves without any adequate support.

Suggestions of possible breaking of the drought led to an abrupt change of speculative sentiment. Wheat closed irregular, 1/2c lower to 1/2c higher compared with 24 hours previous, July \$1.01 1/2 @ \$1.02 1/2, Sept. \$1.02 1/2 @ 1/2, corn 1 1/4 @ 2 1/4 c down, July \$4 1/4 @ 58c, Sept. \$4 1/2 @ 56c, oats 1/2 @ 1/2 advanced, and provisions at a rise of 7 @ 10c.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

DRASTIC HOUSE RULE WINS WESTFALL RANCHER JAILED DISARM PARLEY IN RECESS RIOTING IN LOS ANGELES

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—To the accompaniment of a threatened fist fight between two representatives, Elise (H. Cal.) and Deen (D. Ga.), the house voted today to impose one of the most drastic rules of procedure in history to break up a Republican filibuster. The rule, Democrats believed, could be used to block every piece of legislation not approved by the administration.

VALE, Ore., June 1 (AP)—J. M. Handelman, Westfall rancher, surrendered to Sheriff C. W. Glenn here today soon after Jess Handelman, 40, his son, had been shot to death at the Handelman farm during a quarrel.

GENEVA, June 1 (AP)—Because of the disarmament situation, Arthur Henderson, president of the arms conference, today adjourned the parley until Tuesday, then later announced that it would be necessary to postpone its next session until Wednesday.

LOS ANGELES, June 1 (AP)—Rioting flared in downtown Los Angeles in front of the county welfare department today, with one man being perhaps fatally injured, ten policemen more or less severely hurt and a number of rioters and bystanders cut and bruised.

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—Congressional action on the corporate bankruptcy bill was completed today when the senate adopted the conference report.

LA GRANDE BAKER NINES WILL PLAY; FAST GAME LOOMS

With the big game of the season only two days away both the La Grande and Baker baseball teams of the Blue Mountain league will meet at the high school field here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, have been preparing for the event in most vigorous fashion.

According to one of the La Grande players who visited Baker yesterday, the Baker team is worried about the outcome of next Sunday's game, and is doing everything possible to improve both the offensive and defensive capabilities of its club. When the two teams met at Baker a month

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MEDIATION BOARD MEMBER EXPECTS STRIKE VIOLENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1 (AP)—Frankly skeptical of an immediate settlement, a member of President Roosevelt's mediation board today declared "everyone will admit that sooner or later this strike of Pacific coast marine workers will be settled, but it looks right now as if it will be settled by bullets, guns and gas."

The board member pleaded for representatives of the strikers and employers to reach a peaceful settlement. Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, prepared to leave for Washington today to place the entire matter before President Roosevelt, Secretary of Labor Perkins and Hugh Johnson, NRA administrator.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1 (AP)—Having rejected, by a roaring cheer, terms of a proposed strike settlement, longshoremen leaders here today declared

F. R. PROMISES DISCUSSIONS OF REVISION

President Makes Report to Congress Today On War Debts.

NEXT DUE DATE IS TWO WEEKS AWAY

Roosevelt Indicates That "Special Circumstances" May Be Considered in Talks.

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt, in a report to congress today on war debts, held out a promise for discussions of revision of present funding agreements to any European debtor nations who ask and present "special circumstances relating to means and methods of payment."

He indicated what "special circumstances" would be considered by emphasizing that factors would be whether the nations are utilizing their resources for "recovery purposes" or make a "reasonable payment" on the debt owed, or are spending for "unproductive nationalistic" purposes.

In some official quarters, the president's statement concerning possible conferences was considered significant as a prelude to Great Britain's note on the debts question expected here any time. Sir Ronald Lindsay, the British ambassador, is understood

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Spokane Father Kills Daughters, Wife And Himself

SPOKANE, Wash., June 1 (AP)—Vestiges of a man's two-day struggle with his nerve to steel himself to kill his wife, two daughters and himself were in the hands of police today.

Notes left to friends told of the agony Arthur E. Hooker, 54, newspaper business office man, suffered in seeing his daughter, Marjorie, 14, gradually overcome by paralysis, leading to his shooting Wednesday night of Marjorie and her sister, Virginia, 11, his wife, Mabel, himself in what Coroner T. C. Barnhart called murder and suicide.

One note said in part: "Please do not think too badly of

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Baseball

National League	
Philadelphia	R. H. E.
New York	3 11 2
Batteries: Darrow and Todd; Hubbell, Laugel and Richards, Danning.	4 11 0
American League	
St. Louis	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh	3 6 1
Batteries: Hallahan and V. Davis; Birkhofer, Hoyt and Padden.	4 8 2
Chicago	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	3 7 0
Batteries: Weaver and Hartnett; Frey and O'Farrell.	1 6 1
American League, postponed	
Cleveland at St. Louis	postponed
New York	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	5 10 2
Batteries: Deahong, Orimes and Dickey; Mahaffey and Berry.	10 12 3
Detroit	R. H. E.
Chicago	3 9 2
Batteries: Rowe and Cochran; Lyons and Madjeski.	1 6 4

FIND BLACK WIDOW SPIDERS NEAR HERE

Beware of the black widow spider! These dangerous spiders, whose bite often is fatal, have been discovered in this section, it was reported today. A group of Boy Scouts, with their leader, Elmo Stevenson, found the nests of two black widow spiders in the Table mountain region, the other day on a scouting trip. They captured the spiders and staged an exhibition at the high school. The two were placed in a glass cage and one soon killed and devoured the other. Bees, insects and flies also were placed in the cage and quick work by the spider soon ended their existence after which a web was woven around them and later the bodies used as food.

No positive antidote for the black widow spider's poison is known, it is said. After being bitten a state of coma is said to set in, and if death can be prevented for some time, usually several days, the patient often recovers.