

Net Fire Loss For First Half Of 1934 Very Low

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GENERAL STRIKE NEAR IN BAY CITY

FIRE REPORT MADE TODAY BY LINDSEY

Total Loss \$3,264.75, for Which \$2,901.75 Insurance Was Paid

NET LOSS FIGURES AT 4 1/2 PER CAPITA

Thirty three Alarms Answered During Six Months — Six Per Cent of Property Damaged

Total fire loss in La Grande for the first six months of 1934, according to a report issued today by Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey, is \$3,264.75, of which more than three-fourths occurred in the month of June.

Total insurance paid amounted to \$2,901.75, leaving a net loss of \$363, or only four and a half cents per capita. The value of property at risk amounted to \$50,465, making the percentage of loss in fires for the six months at six per cent—regarded as an unusually good record for the fire department to point to.

The alarms answered during the half year totaled 33.

Total loss in January was \$63.35, and insurance paid \$48.35. Property at risk \$20,515.

In February there were no alarms.

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Star Performers Are Arriving To Seek Rodeo Cash

Ted Moffitt's rodeo, with Ben Jory as arena manager, will be one of the interesting features of the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration here next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The show will be staged at the La Grande stadium Thursday and Friday afternoons, and Saturday morning, with finals in all events Saturday, including wild cow milking, roping, riding and others. Handsome cash prizes are offered the winners, and a number of top-notch rodeo performers are already here to participate.

Bob Locke, winner of the bronc riding contest at Red Bluff; Dave Hart, winner of the bronc riding at Wallowa, and Jack Meyers, second place winner in the world's bucking contest last year.

Jane Smith, of Union, will be "Sweetheart" of the rodeo, and besides reigning at the show each day, will appear with her attendants in the celebration parade downtown Friday morning.

FAIR WEATHER PREDICTED FOR U. P. JUBILEE

Fair weather with normal temperatures is promised for next week in the northwest by the government weather bureau, indicating ideal conditions for the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration here.

The weather has been a bit warmer than earlier in the week, with a maximum of 91 yesterday, and a minimum of 58 this morning, with practically cloudless skies.

JENNIE MOON SMITH WRITES OF OLD DAYS

A letter received here this week by the Moon family from Mrs. Jennie Moon Smith, daughter of Oscar Wheeler Moon, who drove the first locomotive into La Grande, revealed some unusually interesting facts about the early days.

Early in 1884 they lived at Kamela. "In midsummer," she wrote, "the railroad must have been completed to La Grande as we went down to La Grande to board. I remember the town or New Town as we called it, consisted of a few hastily constructed shacks, no depot, or hardly anything. Ed by this time had a job at Huntington, so mother, Maude and I went to board with a family by the name of Porter. They had just built a new house and Mr. Porter had a blacksmith shop in New Town. This is the house you now live in which was later bought by my father—it was in the fall of 1885 we moved there."

Later in 1884 they moved to Baker but came back to La Grande before Christmas, and rented a "great barn of a house owned by a man by the name of Baer. It was next to the

You Feed a Dog And He Bites You!



LAKEWOOD, Skowhegan, Me., July 14—Did you ever see a place that looks like it was built just to enjoy? Well, this whole state of Maine looks that way. If it's not a beautiful lake, it's a pretty green hay meadow and beautiful old-time houses, with barns built right in with the kitchens.

Vacationers and everything have improved 30 per cent over last year. Roads have been fixed up with federal money. Newspaper advertising has increased over 50 per cent. All these things have been done yet the editorials say that the new deal is a failure. It's a funny world. You feed a dog and he bites you. Yours,

W. H. McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

CONTEST FOR QUEEN ENDS THIS EVENING

Announcement of Winner to Be Made at Dance Shortly Before Midnight

Suspense that exists among the candidates and among their many well wishers as to which La Grande girl will reign as queen over the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration royal court, will come to an end shortly before midnight tonight.

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STAFF OF EXPERT LEADERS FORMED FOR SCOUT CAMP

A staff of expert leaders has been chosen for the Boy Scout camp to be held on Catherine creek, July 28 to August 5, inclusive. Elmer Stevenson will be general supervisor of the camp, and having had several

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SALMON SPEARING WILL END SUNDAY

Salmon spearing in Eastern Oregon will be legal until sundown tomorrow, July 15, but thereafter salmon may be caught only by hook and line during the remainder of 1934.

The open season for salmon spearing began May 15 and ends with nightfall of July 15.

The salmon run this spring and summer was quite heavy and a large number of the large ocean-going fish were caught in Union county, particularly in Catherine creek.

Bloch residence. They later moved it to the New Town and made a saloon of it. When we lived in the Baer house was the worst winter I ever experienced. I've never seen it snow and blow as it did that winter. The lanes all over the valley were drifted with drifts 20 feet high. "Christmas Mattie Corbett was to be married. Mr. Corbett and I waded snow to our knees in the old town for all the stores were still there. I think a man by the name of Anson had built one in New Town, but Somers was still holding forth in Old Town, also Snodgrass. I remember our going to a millinery shop. Then I went to Kamela to the wedding and was Mattie's bridesmaid. She married a man by the name of Daniel." It was a day or two before she reached home from the wedding, due to the heavy snow. "Soon after getting home somewhere up above Union they were bucking snow when they pushed an engine off the high embankment and the engineer was critically hurt. . . . Like Pa was, he

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Off for Prison With a Smile



With a "God bless you all" as a parting message, Joseph W. Harriman, former president of the Harriman National Bank & Trust Company, is shown in his car as he is smilingly left New York for the Federal penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., to begin a four and a half year sentence. The 65-year-old banker was convicted of misusing depositors' funds and falsifying bank records.

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CHERRY PACKING IS RESUMED AT THE COVE CO-OP

COVE, Ore., July 14 (Special)—Cherry packing has been resumed at the Co-operative plant here. The black cherries were sold to the cannery, but the crop has been so much larger than was anticipated, that the cannery does not want to handle them all, and so there are one or two cars to be packed.

They have handled 35 tons of Royal Annes and have sent around 90 tons to the cannery, and when they have finished there will be three cars of packed cherries.

Packing was finished in the Stackland plant Wednesday afternoon.

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CHILDREN TO GIVE DANCES AT CEREMONY

Queen Coronation Thursday Evening of Celebration to Feature Many Young Folk.

As a part of the coronation of the queen of the Semi-Centennial U. P. celebration next Thursday evening at the La Grande stadium, dances by a large group of La Grande young folk have been planned by Miss Margerie Horton and final rehearsals for this part of the program are being held. These dances are being taught as a part of the playground program.

Children from 5 to 10 years of age will appear in folk dances and singing games, and costumes have been prepared for this event. All the children in these dances will appear in simple white dresses. From the ages of 10 up through high school age the girls will present clog dances and athletic dances with costumes consisting of white shorts and sun back blouses in pastel shades which will be in a gala rainbow of color.

The list of those taking part in these dances is as follows: Five to 10 Year Group, High School, Harriet Avery, Barbara Bean, Shirley Brace, Marjorie Chandler, Dona Cole, Naomi Crisman, Winifred Crowley, Maxine Hazer, Patsy Hazer, Maxine Halvey, Myrl Jean Howard, Betty Jennings, Roberts Jordahl, Virginia Landers, Marie Leohardt, Peggy Mc-

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Bicycle Riders Told They Must Obey Car Rules

POLICE Chief Jim Steffen today issued a warning to bicycle riders, and particularly to parents of the younger boys and girls riding bicycles, of the danger that exists unless all observe the same traffic rules that apply to automobile drivers.

Bicycle riders, the police chief reports, have been frequently taking hazardous risks, riding through stop streets, coasting in groups down well traveled streets, turning in the middle of blocks, falling to give proper signs on turning, etc.

Yesterday an out-of-town driver narrowly missed running down two bicycle riders who gave him no idea of what to expect, and policemen fear some one will be seriously injured soon unless the bike riders obey the regular traffic regulations.

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FREEDOM OF THE KNEES



Sure to make a big hit with girls who dislike garters is the newest hosiery innovation, knee-high stockings with latex garter tops, worn by the two smartly dressed fence-sitters above. The attached garters grip the legs firmly, preventing wrinkles and crooked seams, and no matter how often the stockings are washed, the garters won't stretch a bit.

HITLER IS NOT SO POPULAR AT PRESENT, BELIEF

Richard Lyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Lyman of this city, returned this week from a thirty months sojourn in Germany, completing a three years absence from home that included a trip through the Scandinavian countries, Austria, Germany, France, England, and others.

During his stay in Germany when fulfilling a mission for the L. D. S. church he reports that the work done by the missionaries is received very well, in spite of the religious upheaval prevalent since the Hitler regime. "The work of our church is growing in spite of the opposition," Lyman reports.

"Hitler is a good advertising man and put himself over to the German people through a well organized ad-

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

SCHOONER IS STOLEN

EUROPE DISAPPOINTED

GEN. JOHNSON ON WAY WEST

BOYLE TO HEAD COLUMBIA U.

BALTIMORE, July 14 (AP)—Coast guard officers today said they were investigating a message saying the Baltimore schooner A. E. Booth had been seized on Chesapeake bay by a group of men who headed out to sea with her, holding the vessel's captain a captive.

By The Associated Press Disappointment at Chancellor Hitler's failure to discuss German foreign policy was the general reaction to his speech today in European capitals. Official comment was generally withheld, however.

OMAHA, Neb., July 14 (AP)—Forced by engine trouble to remain here two successive nights, General Hugh S. Johnson, NIA administrator, took off in his special plane from the municipal airport today for Portland, where he is to speak tomorrow afternoon.

PORTLAND, July 14 (AP)—Rev. Joseph Boyle, C. S. C., has been named president of Columbia university here. He will succeed Rev. Louis Kelley, whose term has expired.

SIMLA, India, July 14 (AP)—Several hundred persons were feared today to have been drowned in floods which have swept over Assam.

TOKYO, July 14 (AP)—One hundred and twenty-five persons were known dead and 206 were missing today in western Japan.

GERMANY NOT TO DISCRIMINATE ON DEBT TRANSFERS

BERLIN, July 14 (AP)—Germany has not the slightest intention of discriminating against the United States in the matter of debt transfers, the German government today informed United States Ambassador William E. Dodd in reply to the

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LA GRANDE NINE TO PLAY SUNDAY

The La Grande town baseball team will play its first game of independent baseball following completion of its Blue Mountain league schedule, at the La Grande stadium tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock when they will tangle for the second time this season with the powerful Illini Emigrant Umatilla County league team.

The lineup of the CCC nine sports some names well known to Chicago city league fans, and the performance turned by these boys in their previous game with La Grande is expected to draw a fine crowd to the game tomorrow afternoon. Babich, catcher for the Illini Emigrants, rated all-city league mention in the Chicago organization in 1930, and the performance he turned in against the La Grander corroborated the reputation. Leith, slugging left-fielder of the CCC team, also lived up to his reputation by plastering out some well hit balls which were directly responsible for the CCC's first victory.

It is expected that the La Grande squad will send Bus Courtney to the mound against the CCC's, and fans

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PRESIDENT'S BOARD FAILS IN ATTEMPTS

Situation in San Francisco Growing More Acute Each Hour

PORTLANDER DIES FRIDAY EVENING

Railroad Brakeman Succumbs, Making Eighth Death Attributed to the Coast Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14 (AP)—Rolling forward relentlessly, the movement toward a general strike grew rapidly here today, with frank predictions the enlarged committee of 140 labor unions, with 65,000 members, would vote soon for a general walkout.

In the face of the growing threat of the workers to support the maritime strikers, President Roosevelt's labor disputes board declared today: "We must find a short-cut to peace!"

Massed 2000 strong along the waterfront, national guard troops and reinforced police throughout the city stood ready for any emergency. Guard officers said they had received no word that martial law might be declared.

The hopelessness of the situation was admitted by members of the labor disputes board as they emerged

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Sport Fans Will See Best Of The Coast Wrestlers

La Grande sport fans who attend the double main event wrestling and boxing card to be held at the La Grande Stadium Saturday night, July 21, will be witnessing four of the best boys on the Pacific coast at present in the two grappling bouts. All are known for their ability on the mat and their clever, sensational work.

Del Kunkle and Bulldog Jackson, who met in one of the events, wrestled one of the wildest draws seen in Portland several weeks ago and Rose City fans were wild about this match, with a capacity crowd demanding they be rematched. However, La Grande gets this match.

The bout between Robin Reed, one of the greatest wrestlers in the world, from Beesport, and Mickey McGuire, Salem Irishman and one of the sensational boys in the game today, is expected to be a classic. Everyone knows what a great amateur Reed was, winning the world championship at the time, and as a pro he ranks close to the top and is one of the trickiest boys in the game.

To oppose him is McGuire, a youngster who has astonished the northwest with his meteoric rise in the sport of wrestling.

Herb Owens, promoter of Portland and Salem matches, will be here to see the card. He is a former resident of Union and also lives in Cove for sometime and knows a great number of people in the valley. He is anxious to meet some of his old friends and renew acquaintances while here, he writes.

Baseball

NATIONAL R. H. E. Cincinnati 0 4 1 Philadelphia 18 1 3 Batteries: Brennan, Benton, Kleinhans, and Lombardi, Manton, Han and Todd, Holden.

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PWA IS BUSY WITH NEW ALLOTMENTS

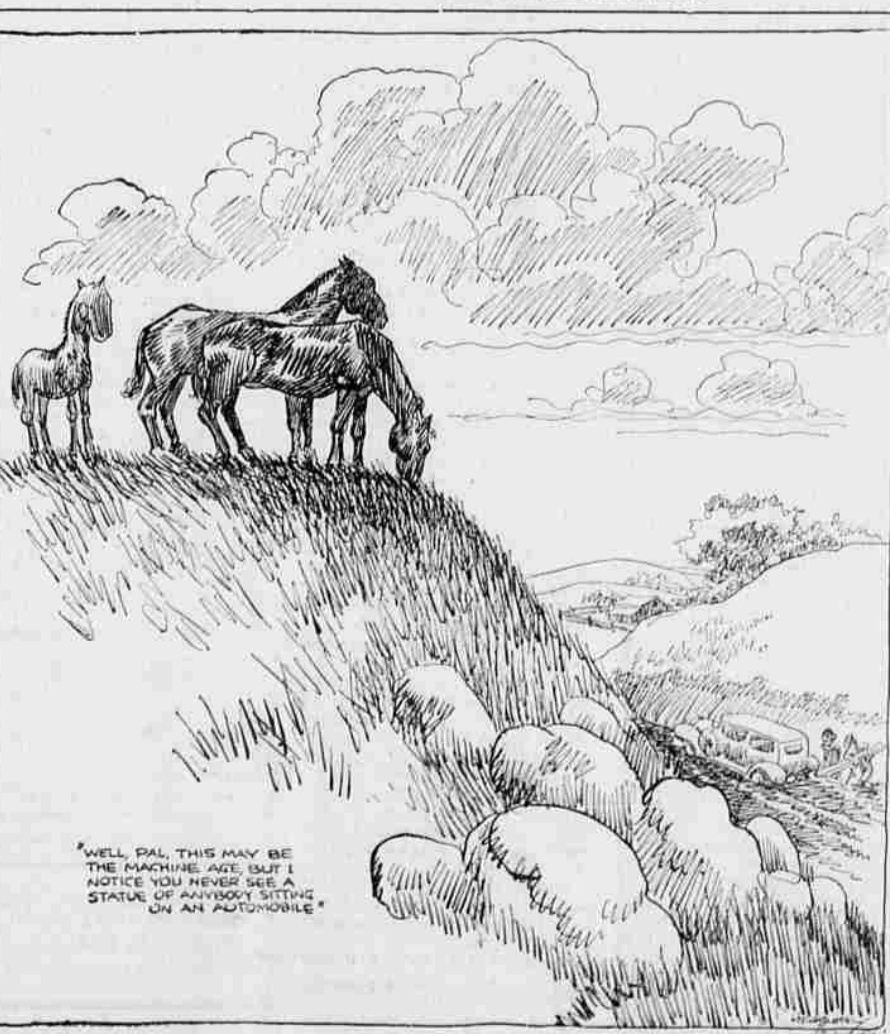
WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—The PWA has been allotting funds so rapidly of late that its cash soon will be figuratively exhausted.

Not that it will be really broke, because often the money set aside for public works is not actually spent for a long time thereafter. Plans have been perfected, legal quills adjusted and the like.

Because it would mean more actual employment, a penniless purse is the plight the public works administration has been seeking for itself.

Its activities, aimed to speed recovery by pouring huge sums into job-giving projects, got off to a slow

A FLASH OF REAL HORSE SENSE!



"WELL, PAI, THIS MAY BE THE MACHINE AGE, BUT I NOTICE YOU NEVER SEE A STATUE OF ANYBODY SITTING ON AN AUTOMOBILE."

TO CHECK UP ON HOG ALLOTMENTS

Two men are being sent to Oregon by A. G. Flax, chief of the corn and hog section, of the A. A. A. in Washington, for the purpose of assisting in clearing up the present situation, it was learned today. They are expected to report here within a few days and will clear matters up and open the road to the issuance of checks to the farmers here from Washington. Word to this effect was received by Rep. Walter M. Pierce late Friday.

MRS. COY DIES IN TACOMA

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Olivia Lillian Coy, 74, in Tacoma, Wash., where she had lived for 20 years. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Cecile Coy, E. S. Coy, her husband died several years ago. They formerly lived in La Grande, where he had a business place where the New York store is now located, and many friends mourn Mrs. Coy's passing.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU REFUSES APPROVAL

The better business bureau of the La Grande chamber of commerce has refused to issue any permits for soliciting of advertisements for programs in connection with the U. P. celebration.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 14 (AP)—Soaring of wheat quotations today surpassed anything witnessed of late, with the maximum \$1.01 1/2 for December old contracts.

Broad new speculative buying carried wheat upwards at times for overnight gains of 2 cents a bushel. Wheat closed strong, 3/4 @ 1 1/4 above yesterday's finish. September new 98 1/2 @ 1 1/4, corn 3/4 @ 1/2 up, oats 1/2 off to 1/2 up, and provisions 5 to 15c advanced.