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BALDWIN SEES NO DANGER OF WAR

STATE WILL REPAIR FIVE HOMES HERE

Building Permits Taken Out By W. E. Wilkins, Inspector; Brings 1934 Total to \$18,965.

MORE CARPENTERS ARE PUT TO WORK

Modernization of Residences Here Involves More Than Six Thousand Dollars.

Five building permits taken out by the state of Oregon through W. E. Wilkins, state veterans commission inspector, and two other permits during last week called for \$6,365 in new construction, and sent a large number of carpenters to work here.

The five permits for the state represent repair work on homes owned by the state commission, and is designed to put them in modern condition either for rental or sale. Work has been started on the five projects.

The state permits follow: To alter and repair home at 701 M avenue, between First and Second, \$1,500.

To alter and repair two story home at 1305 M avenue, between Sixth and Seventh, \$1,350.

To alter and repair home at 1309 O avenue between Seventh and Eighth, \$1,550.

To alter and repair home at 702 Main avenue between First and Second streets, \$850.

To alter and repair home at 1204

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Legion Juniors Turn Back Camp Nine Sunday 8-3

The American Legion junior league team of La Grande won the third straight game here Sunday afternoon, turning back the Emigrant Springs C. C. camp nine 8 to 3. The juniors, coached by Ray Williams, played errorless ball and scored in the first, second, fourth and seventh innings, while the visitors were unable to get a man across home plate until the sixth.

The game was an exhibition contest and was played at the La Grande stadium. Koyle, pitching for La Grande, went the route, allowing eight hits and whiffing four batters.

The score: R. H. E. C. C. Camp 000 001-3 8 3 Juniors 120 200 30x-8 8 0 Batteries: Koyle and Walden, Leonard; Hanley, Pleyers and Wells, Bokeman.

Umpires: Zivkovich, Wilson and Hall.

Gets Good Start On Life Insurance

Probably the youngest person in the Pacific northwest—at least—to carry life insurance, is Miss Barbara Jean Snyder.

The Royal Neighbors of America wrote a policy for the little lady just one hour and 25 minutes after the stork brought her into La Grande.

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OLDEST TREE? IS IT PINE EAST OF HERE?

Which tree in the Grande Ronde valley—the valley proper, not the surrounding hills—is the oldest? Is it the lone pine east of La Grande on the Old Oregon Trail highway, now called Lone Tree?

Possibly. At least, the La Grande Evening Observer of July 30 1914—just twenty years ago today—gives one reason to believe this tree may be the grand-daddy of the valley trees.

The Observer that day told of Mrs. C. M. Kirkwood, then 80 years of age, traveling 700 miles in an automobile to witness places that she, as a girl, saw when she came into Oregon in 1843 on a wagon train. Also, it was the first wagon train to cross the Grande Ronde valley, according to the story of two decades ago, entering into the valley from the mouth of Ladd Canyon, and then camping

STARRY-EYED BEAUTY



Ever since Sylvia Peterson was acclaimed Miss America at a beauty pageant in St. Petersburg, Fla., she's had her head in the clouds. But not for vanity, for science.

An astronomer of repute, she is shown in New York on her way to Springfield, Vt., where she was to tell the National Amateur Telescope Makers' Convention how she made, at a cost of \$30, a telescope to study distant suns.

RAIL AND SHIP AGENTS ENJOY DAY AT RESORT

Group From Portland Visits La Grande and Wallowa Lake Sunday.

Arriving by special car aboard the Portland Rose yesterday morning a group of important railroad and steamship agents representing various lines of principal transportation companies doing business in the Northwest, came here en route to a day's outing at Wallowa Lake.

Following breakfast at the Saccawea Inn the visitors were transported to the lake resort in cars.

ARCH DEAN FOUND DEAD EAST OF N. P.

Arch Dean, who made his home on a ranch about seven miles east of North Powder, was found dead in his bunkhouse yesterday morning with a bullet in his head. It was thought to have been suicide, but no particulars were available today as to what

OFFICIALS CHECK ON HOG CONTRACTS

Three representatives of the agricultural adjustment commission at Washington, D. C., were in La Grande last week checking up on the hog contracts in Union county, and their report shows that this county is standing second in condition among

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TEMPERATURE HERE DROPS TO NORMALCY

Heat Wave of Four Days Ended—Sky Partly Cloudy This Morning

After three and a half days of sizzling heat a shift in the temperature occurred Sunday afternoon and this morning the weather had returned to normalcy in La Grande. Maximum temperatures for the previous four days follow: Thursday 103, Friday 107, Saturday 106 and Sunday 98 above.

This morning saw the mercury at 83 above at 7 a. m., just 15 degrees cooler than at the same period Sunday, and the minimum of 58 last night was 10 degrees cooler than Saturday night's low mark.

Sunday started off to be a scorcher, with the reading at 7 a. m. showing 78 above, the warmest at that time this year.

This morning was partly cloudy, but the government prediction called for fair skies tonight and Tuesday with no marked change in temperatures.

Although the hot spell, accompanied by a warm wind, heightened the forest fire hazard in the Blue and Wallowa mountains, no serious blazes

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Perkins Receives Distributorship Of Standard Oil

Announcement was made today that W. C. and F. C. Perkins have applied for the distributorship of Standard Oil Co. products in the La Grande district, and that the application was accepted as of July 27.

W. C. Perkins is proprietor of the Perkins Motor Co. and F. C. Perkins is his son, who recently completed his university work.

GETS WORK IN BOULDER CITY

Bob Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Evans, left yesterday for Boulder City, Nev., where he has work on the construction of the Boulder dam.

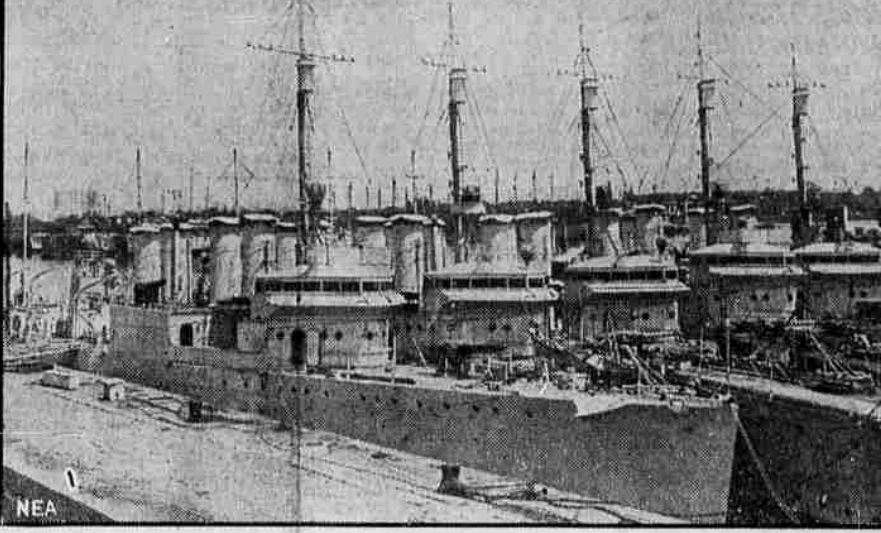
LOCAL COUPLE GETS LICENSE

A marriage license was issued Saturday at the office of County Clerk O. K. McCormick to Robert T. Harrison and Lucille Metcalf, both of La Grande.

PEEKABOO



THEY MAY COME BACK TO WAR ON NEW RUM ROW



These five destroyers, veterans of the Prohibition rum blockade, lay uselessly at their moorings in the Philadelphia Navy Yard as Thomas Jefferson Coolidge, Acting Secretary of the Treasury, admitted official concern over the rapid growth of a new "Rum Row" off the New York seaboard. An increase of Coast Guard personnel and operations, now under consideration, may soon put these victims of post-Repeal economy back in service.

WESTERN FIRES DEVOUR THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF GRAIN, TIMBER AND BRUSH

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30 (AP)—Fires swept thousands of acres of dry timber, grain, brush and pasture lands of the west today.

The greatest fighting crew—2,000 men—stood guard wearily behind firebreaks in Southern California today watching a blaze burn itself out after sweeping 2,500 acres of timber and brush in the Sierra Madre mountains in Washington to the Rockies in Montana where rich timber and grain lands were blackened as hot, dry weather favored the flames.

Two thousand acres of timber were swept by fire on Kittitas summit in the Cascades. Four hundred and ten men fought the blaze while 300 others battled other large North Central Washington fires. In the last five days 135 fires were reported in Wenatchee, Chelan and Colville forests.

Roaring along a 20-mile front between Riparia and Penevava in Eastern Washington, flames destroyed thousands of acres of grain, hay and pasture land. A 2,000-acre grain fire near Sittes in Northern Idaho was brought under control yesterday.

An 800-acre blaze in yellow pine near Curlew was the most serious of a number of fires in Northern Idaho, while 2,500 acres were charred on Warm Springs creek in Southern Idaho's most serious fire of the year.

Tinder dry forests gave Montana the most critical fire hazard in five years, said Regional Forester Evan Kelley. Airplanes carried 160 fighters

to blazes on the Selway forest while others trekked to flames by train, truck, auto and pack horse.

KLAMATH FALLS, July 30 (AP)—Cleaning up after the disastrous fire that on Saturday swept Dorris, Cal., 20 miles south of here, was underway today, while new fire reports came in from the open country east of here.

A SERRA crew was at work at Dorris, putting the sanitation situation into shape in the wake of the \$300,000 blaze that started in the box factory of the Associated Lumber and Box company, and snuffed out 45 residences and two-thirds of the business district before it was checked late Saturday.

AIRMEN HOPE FOR ANOTHER FLIGHT

By J. N. Allison
HOLDREGE, Neb., July 30 (AP)—Three army airmen who took to their parachutes to escape death in the crash of the world's largest balloon 12 miles northwest of here are eager for another venture into the stratosphere.

Captain Albert W. Stevens, scientist

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JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

F. R.'S DAUGHTER DIVORCED
ALL WELL WITH HINDENBURG
DISCOVERS GREAT CRATER
JOHNSON TO TACKLE STRIKE

MINDEN, Nev., July 30 (AP)—Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall obtained a divorce from Curtis B. Dall today in the small brick court house where her brother Elliott was divorced little more than a year ago. With the speed usual in Nevada divorce cases, the district judge granted the decree immediately after the president's only daughter gave brief testimony in support of her charges of "extreme cruelty."

BERLIN, July 30 (AP)—Reports that President Paul von Hindenburg is seriously ill were followed today by a statement from Neudeck, where he is in his summer home, that "apparently all is well" with the aged field marshal.

FALSE PASS, Alaska, July 30 (AP)—Discovery of a new inactive crater even larger than the famous Aniakchak near the tip of the Alaska peninsula was reported today by Father Bernard B. Hebbard, the glacier priest, after a month of hardships and adventure.

CHICAGO, July 30 (AP)—Reports reached the strike stalled stockyards today that Gen. Hugh S. Johnson, NRA administrator, would fly here tomorrow or Wednesday to attempt a settlement of the labor dispute paralyzing the yards.

SALEM, July 30 (AP)—The Milton-Freewater district will ship out an approximate 1,300 car loads of fresh prunes this season, Charles A. Cole, head of the plant industry division of the state department of agriculture, announced today.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30 (AP)—Two maritime unions today notified President Roosevelt's national longshoremen's board that they will return to work tomorrow with the stevedores.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30 (AP)—An end to the strike that has paralyzed Pacific Coast maritime commerce since May 9 was definitely in sight today as 12,000 longshoremen in ports from Bellingham, Wash., to San Diego, Cal., prepared to return to their jobs at 8 a. m. tomorrow.

Seamen and other marine workers who joined the longshoremen in their strike had not yet announced plans for going back to work, but the

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U. S. NET MEN WIN DAVIS CUP MATCH

WIMBLEDON, Eng., July 30 (AP)—George M. Lott Jr. and Lester Stoddin, as expected today defeated Harold G. N. Lee and George Patrick Hughes in the doubles encounter of the Davis Cup challenge round 7-5, 6-0, 4-6, 9-7 to give the United States a fighting chance against Great Britain in the five match series.

Guests who have already arrived in the city for the Stange-Palmer wedding of Wednesday are the bridegroom-elect, Ford Palmer, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer who reached La Grande from Hollywood Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. George (Anne Stange) Decker, who arrived today from their home at Beverly Hills and Mrs. Fred W. King and daughter, Miss Janet, of Los Angeles.

CALIFORNIANS ARRIVE HERE FOR WEDDING

Rev. Neal Dodd, pastor of the little church around the corner in Hollywood—known as the "Church of the Stars" since it is the place of worship of many of filmland's notables—will preside at the services.

Only intimate acquaintances of the 52-year-old actress will attend her last rites.

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 8 9 1
Washington 0 10 0
W. Farrell and R. Ferrell, Linke, Crowder, Burke and Bolton.

CRUISER BRINGING F. R. TO OREGON

By Francis M. Stephenson
Aboard the cruiser New Orleans on route with President Roosevelt to Portland, Ore., July 30 (AP)—President Roosevelt sped through the Pacific today, 1,500 miles from Portland, Ore., where he will rejoin his wife, with his cruisers maintaining a fast pace of 22 knots.

A happy memory of their days in Hawaii stuck with the men on the president's ship as they rapidly left the tropical region behind, heading on a northeasterly course. With the cooler days members of the presidential party began looking into their wardrobes for heavier clothing.

Thoroughly acquainted with economical and social conditions in the

MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Present European Difficulties Not Likely to Set Off War Fuse

NO CAUSE FOR A PANIC, HE ASSURES

Future is Uncertain, However, Baldwin Admits in Address to House of Commons.

LONDON, July 30 (AP)—Stanley Baldwin, acting prime minister of Great Britain, said in the house of commons today that there is no immediate danger of war in Europe despite the difficulties and perplexities of the present situation.

He made his statement in defending Great Britain's recently announced plans to increase its air power.

He opposed the labor party's motion of censure, declaring: "There is no cause at all for a panic of any kind. As far as I can see, there is no risk in the immediate future of peace being broken."

"It might well be that peace will not be broken and there are a great many people in Europe who will do all they can to see to it that it is not broken."

Declaring "the question of imperial defense and disarmament had occupied the minds of the government and the house of commons itself for many years," Baldwin continued:

"On the Saar, in Armenia, and in Danzig, there have been disturbing events, and the recent most tragic incidents in Germany itself, and, last of all, in Austria, which showed there was a spirit abroad in parts of

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Walter McCredie, Beaver Manager, Passes Sunday

PORTLAND, Ore., July 30 (AP)—Walter McCredie, 56, manager of the Portland baseball team of the Pacific Coast league, died here Sunday on the eve of a scheduled baseball game here in his honor.

For weeks McCredie has been unable to be with the Portland team. After managing Portland for a number of years McCredie went into semi-retirement and only this year returned to baseball actively.

No Walter McCredie night ever was held for the kindly old Scot during the years he turned out coast league championship teams and developed many major league stars. Baseball ardent fans planned this big baseball bouquet for him tonight, but the flowers were ordered too late. However McCredie was cheered in his last days with news of the preparations under way for the game.

And it was his last request that the game be played and the benefit proceeds go to his wife. Portland and Sacramento will play the game and many old-time baseball players will be here, some playing an inning

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Wheat Today

The price of local cash new crop wheat stood at about 60 1/2 cents bulk here today, according to the Pioneer Flouring Mills, Portland cash 84 cents.

CHICAGO, July 30 (AP)—Estimates indicating a July decrease of nearly 500,000,000 bushels in the corn crop and 20,000,000 in spring wheat hoisted grain values sharply today.

As the data for today's estimate was obtained a week ahead of that which will be used in the government August report, and there has been no rain of consequence the last few days, traders were inclined to believe that the coming official returns might show even a greater loss of crops.

Corn closed strong, 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4 above Saturday's finish, September 69 1/2 @ 70; wheat 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4 up, Sept. new 1 1/2 @ 1 1/4, corn 1/4 @ 1/2 advanced, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 1/2.