

# Local Wheat Soars To 72 1/2 Cents; Farmers Holding

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## REDUCTIONS IN WARRANT DEBT LIKELY

School District Hopeful of Reducing Total in 1934-35.

## SITUATION RESTS ON TAX PAYMENTS

Had There Been No Carryover Warrants Last Year, School Could Have Paid Out in Cash.

During the last year, in spite of the district paying out \$3,847 in interest on general warrants, the increase in warrant indebtedness over the preceding year of 1933-34 amounted to only \$45,145 for the La Grande school district, according to a report just made public. In other words, if the district could have started the 1933-34 year on a cash basis, at the beginning of the 1934-35 year it would have not only remained on a cash basis, but would have had \$3,395.53 surplus cash remaining in the treasury.

On top of this the total bonded indebtedness of the district was reduced to \$60,000 during the year just passed, this sum representing what remains of the bond issues sold in 1920 for Greenwood school and in 1921 for Willow school.

Indications are that during the coming year, if tax payments show the same gain as they did last year, that when the 1935-36 year begins, the total in outstanding warrants will have been reduced by several thousand dollars.

Outstanding warrants at the beginning of the school year 1933-34 stood at \$63,273.77. During the year up to and including June 18, 1934, \$119,412.47 in warrants were issued. Warrants called and paid up to and including June 18, 1934 amounted to \$116,182.80, leaving the amount outstanding June 18 at \$66,903.34. This amount, less cash on hand for calling warrants as of June 18 (\$6,294.31) and less interest on warrants called but not presented (\$88.19) left the actual warrant deficit at \$60,725.22.

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## Repairs at Home Of Chris Miller Will Cost \$700

A permit for Chris Miller to spend \$700 altering and repairing his two-story brick home on Adams avenue between Greenwood and Spruce was issued by the city recorder-treasurer Saturday. Several days ago the roof of the Miller home was damaged considerably by fire.

## ABOVE NORMAL WEATHER DUE IS PREDICTION

With the temperature at a high of 89 above and practically no wind tonight, Sunday in La Grande and the valley was warm enough to send hundreds of people away in search of cooler places or pastimes. Swimming pools over the valley were crowded, scores went fishing, horse-back riding, golfing, motoring, hiking and other outdoor pleasures had their many devotees. Several picnics were held over the weekend, also.

## LONE PINE REGAINS HISTORICAL PRESTIGE

Well, well! The question of Lone Tree comes up again. And unless somebody comes forth with some exceptionally accurate records it would seem that the lone pine some three or four miles east of La Grande can lay claim to being the oldest living tree in the Grande Ronde valley.

## Will Finds Much Optimism In East

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF CANADA, Aug. 5—Fine boat, fine trip, interesting people from the four corners of the earth going and coming. Everybody feeling optimistic and telling of how their country is recovering. No war talk—that's all in the editorials at home. Lots of Japanese and Chinese on board.

Arrive in Yokohama next Saturday morning. Miss Floyd Gibbons on this trip. We had a great time coming out before.

Did the president ever get home? I think he had a great trip. He was feeling fine. Yours,

Thelma Rogers.  
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## FINE BLOOMS AT ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW AT UNION

UNION, Ore., Special—The annual flower show sponsored by the Woman's Club Friday afternoon was pronounced by many the best ever held in Union. Many thought the hot weather and dry winds of last week had ruined the flowers for display, but the quantity and quality were even better than in other years. It was predominantly a gladioli show, with keen competition among the named varieties. The number and wide variety of blossoms exhibited made judging difficult. That the flower shows of past years have stimulated interest in growing choice flowers was demonstrated.

The flowers were artistically grouped on card tables with covers in pastel shades. Many beautiful mixed bouquets and baskets of flowers were arranged about the stage and walls. Visitors flocked to the clubhouse throughout the afternoon and out-of-town guests especially complimented the show highly. Several musical numbers were presented at intervals during the afternoon and a silver tea table was held from three to five. The tea table was in an attractive setting with a lovely mixed bouquet in pink.

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## APPOINT CURREY AS CONCILIATION AGENT IN COUNTY

George H. Currey this morning received notice of his appointment as conciliation commissioner for Union county in connection with farm county bankruptcy cases. This appointment, made by the U. S. district court in Portland, comes under a bill passed by the last congress which provides for conciliation commissioners to whom hard-pressed farmers may take their financial affairs in the hope of adjustment when bankruptcy threatens. Further details relative to his duties are expected by Mr. Currey soon, but he emphasized that his work applies to farmers only.

Frank McCulloch was appointed conciliation commissioner of Wallowa county.

## SIEGRIST'S TEAM WINS GOLF MATCH

The golf team captained by Ken Siegrist defeated the golf team captained by Charles Blinger 32 to 13 in the annual tournament completed yesterday at the country club golf course after a week of play.

Most of the matches scheduled were played with only a few defaults. Blinger's team, the host in the Siegrist golfers at the Blinger cabin some time next week, the exact date to be announced later.

two pine trees. Anyhow, until about 15 years ago, there were two lone trees, about 200 feet apart, and the only ones in this section of the valley. One was about 200 feet north by east of the present tree, and it was somewhat larger. It was on the railroad right of way and was finally cut down.

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## STARKEY MEN ARRAIGNED IN COURT TODAY

Jack Staro and Charley Stiles Charged With Horse Stealing; Bond Set At \$2,000.

Charley Stiles and Jack Staro, both of Starkey, are in the county jail today awaiting 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when they are scheduled to enter pleas to some 14 indictments charging them with stealing horses and altering brands etc. They were arraigned in circuit court before Judge J. W. Knowles late this morning.

Stiles and Staro are charged jointly in eight indictments, four charging stealing horses, and four charging altering of brands. Stiles also is facing three other indictments charging him with selling mortgaged livestock, and Staro is facing two other indictments charging him with stealing cattle.

Bond for each was placed at \$2,000 on the first indictment read — a charge of stealing a horse belonging to Joseph Cunha Sr., of Echo, according to District Carl Heim.

The arrests were made by State Policeman Bill Roach and Lloyd Larson, state cattle and poultry theft prevention service officer. Roach has been working on this case for the last six or seven months, and Larson arrived here about three weeks ago.

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## Eastern Oregon Pioneer Passes; Burial Tuesday

Another Eastern Oregon pioneer passed on during the weekend, when Mrs. Phebe Brook Colt, a resident of Summerville for some 45 years, died in Portland Saturday. Funeral services will be held at the Summerville chapel at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge of arrangements. The services will be conducted by Rev. Paul DeP. Mortimore, of the Christian church, of which Mrs. Colt was a member. The body will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning.

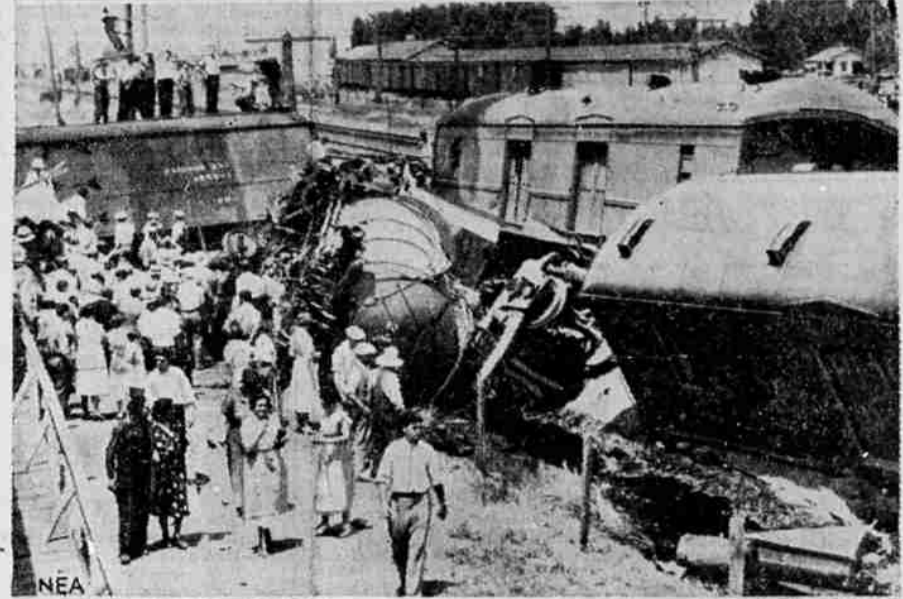
Mrs. Colt was born Dec. 7, 1838 at Rhysssex, England and was 95 years seven months and 29 days of age at the time of death.

She moved to New York state when seven years of age, and was married to Joseph Hertzelt Colt in 1863. They crossed the plains and located in Baker county, living in the Mormon basin. Then they moved to Summerville until 1908 when she moved to the Willamette valley following the death of her husband. She leaves three sons, A. J. of Summerville, and J. V. and C. T. Colt, of Portland; a sister, Ada Maria Dean, of Alliance, O.; seven grandchildren, including Mrs. M. J. Cross, Mrs. M. O. Hlatt and May Colt, of this valley, and nine great-grandchildren.

## JUST THE ECHO OF AN OLD REFRAIN



## DEATH HELD THE THR OTTLE ON THIS TRAIN



Here's what happened when a crack Southern Pacific passenger train struck an open switch near Manteca, Cal., hurtled from the tracks and overturned engine and tender. Nearly 300 SERRA workers were endangered when the train plowed through their quarters. Engineer of the train and an unidentified transient were killed. A switchman's error was said to have caused the wreck.

## SATURDAY ENDS CONFERENCE AT WALLOWA LAKE

The annual conference for leaders of young people sponsored by the Christian Churches of Eastern Oregon concluded its week of study, inspiration and recreation at Wallowa Lake Saturday. There were 68 full-time registered delegates to the conference, a large proportion being beginners, indicating a growing interest in the conference idea, according to the leaders.

Eight students were graduated this year, diplomas being presented to them for their work at an impressive ceremony Friday evening at the lake side.

Faculty of the conference included Rev. C. F. Swander, of Portland, dean of the conference; Rev. Paul De P. Mortimore, of La Grande, director; Goldie Ruth Wells, missionary from Africa; Dr. Walter L. Myers, of Eugene; Dorothy Smuts, of La Grande; Mrs. Effie Ritchey, of Freewater; Rev. Clarence A. Boulton, Halfway, and Gottlieb Schmidt, of Elgin.

Dr. Myers, a former member of the teaching staff of Eugene Bible College, taught classes for which credit is given by the national board of religious education of the Churches of Christ.

## SON IS BORN TO STONEKINGS

A seven said a quarter pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Stoneking at their home at 1902 Washington avenue at 9:20 o'clock last night. The little boy has not yet been named.

## Roosevelt Regime Beginning War To Save Resources

ENROUTE WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt traveled on to new western developments today with a declaration that his administration is just beginning a war on individual selfishness "to save our resources of agriculture and industry." He visited Glacier National park Sunday.

"We have won the greater part of the fight to obtain and to retain these great public park properties for the benefit of the public. We are at the threshold of even more important a battle to save our resources of agriculture and industry against the selfishness of individuals," he said.

The president was told today as he entered the drought stricken area that the unprecedented dry year has spread to 24 states and directly affects about 20,000,000 people.

## WALCH SPEAKER AT LIONS CLUB

An interesting talk, largely dealing with the intricacies of the federal income tax law, was given at the Lions club luncheon at the Sacojawa Inn today at noon by C. Lloyd Walch, deputy U. S. internal revenue collector here.

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## ITALY BUILDS AIRCRAFT TO KEEP IN RACE

Mussolini Explains Appropriation — France Strengthening Navy.

ROME, Aug. 6 (AP)—The authoritative afternoon newspapers in Rome indicated today that Italy felt obliged to increase her air force because the United States and other nations had done so. The remarks were relative to the \$100,000,000 appropriation for the purpose which was announced for Italy Thursday.

PARIS, Aug. 6 (AP)—French officials indicated today that a lapse of the Washington naval treaty of 1921 would conform to French desires. France, they said, has always been dissatisfied with the treaty feeling that the French navy was not granted sufficient prestige in relation to that of Italy.

This attitude was expressed today in connection with preparations to forward the 1933 naval conference which is intended to design a new naval treaty for the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy.

Already France has begun a naval reconstruction which the government sees as a means to obtaining a better position.

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## CYCLE ACCIDENT FATAL TO FARMER

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP)—George Black, 48, a farm laborer, was killed, and Ralph (Brownie) Huskirk, 26, former Pendleton boxer, was critically injured late yesterday when the motorcycle they were riding collided with an automobile and then crashed into a telephone pole.

Black, formerly of Tigard, Ore., died instantly. Huskirk was brought to a hospital here. It was said his skull was badly injured and his legs were mangled. The accident occurred near the west entrance to Pendleton. The automobile which the motorcycle struck was driven by Robert Ward of Echo.

## SALEM MAYOR VISITOR HERE

Mayor Douglas McKay, of Salem, Mrs. McKay and family, and their mother, Mrs. Prater, all of Salem, were visitors in La Grande Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Ritter. Mrs. Prater is a sister of Mrs. Hitler, and the mayor of the Capital City is her nephew. They were on their way by car to Chicago to visit the Century of Progress as well as other places of interest en route.

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (AP)—All deliveries of every kind of grain shot skyward late today to new top price records for the season.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME  
GERMAN CONSULATE STONED  
EXPLOSION KILLS NINE  
HITLER PRAISES HINDENBURG  
\$100,000 BOND FORFEITED

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 6 (AP)—Stoning of the German consulate here by three men who were arrested and declared he was Germany's law, Adolf Hitler today paid swastika salute to the late President Paul von Hindenburg and prayed for the peace, freedom and honor of Germany.

BIG STONE GAP, Va., Aug. 6 (AP)—The known death toll from an explosion in the Derby Number 3 mine of the Stonega Coke and Coal company stood at nine today.

BERLIN, Aug. 6 (AP)—From the rostrum where on July 13 he defended his killing 77 "revolutionaries" and declared he was Germany's law, Adolf Hitler today paid swastika salute to the late President Paul von Hindenburg and prayed for the peace, freedom and honor of Germany.

SEATTLE, Aug. 6 (AP)—Federal Judge Jeremiah Neterer today ordered forfeited the \$100,000 surety bond of George Heibel, son of Henry Heibel, wealthy Canadian distiller and brewer, when the younger Heibel failed to appear in court for arraignment on an indictment charging a liquor smuggling conspiracy against the government.

TIFFIN, O., Aug. 6 (AP)—Skillful piloting enabled Milo Burham, 31-year-old Los Angeles stunt flier, to make a successful landing here today after the propeller dropped off his airplane while he was flying at a height of 1,000 feet over the city.

## MISSOURI, WEST VIRGINIA, KANSAS VOTE ON TUESDAY

By The Associated Press  
The high legislative session opened today in Missouri, West Virginia and Kansas.

Nominations for two seats in the United States senate—50th now held by Republicans—are at stake, in Missouri and West Virginia. No senatorship is being filled in Kansas.

Candidates also are being nominated for twenty-six seats in the house of representatives—thirteen in Missouri, six in West Virginia and seven in Kansas.

Nine candidates are elbowing their way in a free-for-all for the Democratic senatorial nomination in West Virginia, with Clement L. Shaver, former national chairman, former Senator Alor W. E. Chilton and Bush D. Holt apparently leading the field.

The winner probably will oppose Senator Harry D. Hatfield in November. While all the Democratic aspirants have pledged control to the Roosevelt administration, Hatfield—vigorously critic of the "new deal"—has met scant opposition from four Republican opponents.

There is a six-cornered race for the Democratic nomination for governor in Kansas, but only one man has challenged the incumbent, Gov. Alf M. Landon, on the Republican ticket.

## CATTLE MOVING AGAIN IN YARDS

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (AP)—Cattle moved in the Chicago stockyards again today. Handlers and commission mechanics employed their 12-day strike settled, returned to work to face a heavy rush of livestock.

## WILSONS HAVE BABY DAUGHTER

A daughter was born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Clive Wilson, of Foster, in the Grande Ronde hospital and both mother and babe are reported to be getting along nicely.

## Baseball

No games scheduled today in either the American or National leagues.

## THREE-CENT PRICE GAIN MADE TODAY

Value of Local Crop Boosted to Approximately \$542,450.

## QUOTATION HIGHEST HERE IN TWO YEARS

Pendleton Reports Sale of 200,000 Bushels — Sales Here in Very Small Quantities.

The smile on the face of the Eastern Oregon wheat grower widened a bit today, with another three-cent gain in prices, bringing the La Grande cash prices to 72 1/2 cents, the first (in five years the price has been above the 70-cent mark.

The gain in price here added \$22,500 more to the value of the Union county crop, estimated at three-quarters of a million bushels, bringing the total estimated value to \$542,450. Portland cash and Portland export quotations were both up three cents, and Chicago wheat closed at a jump over Saturday's figure of from 5 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents. May wheat in Chicago hit a maximum of \$1.13 1/2, but closed at \$1.12 1/2 to \$1.13.

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## Senator McNary, Home, Comments On The New Deal

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP)—Home from the national capital, Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican senate leader, declared "some of the 'new deal' legislation has come to stay, some will perish and some will be modified so merit changed conditions."

Senator McNary, who arrived here yesterday and proceeded to his home near Salem, declared that current congressional expenditures must be supplemented by private ventures and business revival.

"The legislative attempt by congress to improve economic conditions was no easy task," he asserted. "The difficulty was not due to the number and variety of the problems, but to the fact that the solution of many of them required an apparent reversal of long-established theories of government."

"The attitude of the majority of congress was at all times based upon the substantial thought that the times were too serious, suffering too general and the need of help too great to permit anything other than the speediest and most business revival such an obtained in normal times."

In regard to the \$100,000,000 allocation for Oregon projects made by the last congress, McNary said, "unfortunately, a number of worthy projects did not receive favorable consideration because of the exhaustion of public funds, but if the present policy continues, many should be benefited by future allocations."

## MARKET PRICES OF COMMODITIES GAIN

CHICAGO, Aug. 6 (AP)—Market prices of the four basic American agricultural commodities, produced this year under a government sponsored program designed to benefit farmers, averaged today at Chicago 21 per cent higher than a year ago and 83 per cent higher than two years ago.

Wheat scored a maximum gain of 4 1/2 cents and closed unsettled 3 1/2 cents above Saturday's finish. Dec. now 1.10 1/2 @ 1 1/4; corn 1 1/2 @ 2 1/4 up, Dec. 7 1/2 @ 8 1/4; oats 1 1/2 @ 30 advanced, and pro visions varying from 7c decline to a rise of 12c.

to the war and post-war era. Prices at Chicago of wheat, corn, hogs and cotton, defined as the basic commodities by the agricultural adjustment act, showed today the greatest improvement over quotations for a corresponding date in 1932 recorded so far this year.

Wheat prices are approximately 93 per cent higher, than two years ago while only 6 per cent higher than a year ago. September delivery of wheat on the board of trade closed at \$1.04 1/2 @ 3/4, near the season's peak in June, and 20 cents better than on Aug. 6, 1932.