

Public Works Allots \$22,000 For Cove School

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LOAN, GRANT IS MADE TO VALLEY TOWN

Word of Allocation Received by Congressman Pierce Today.

OTHER PROJECTS IN STATE GET O. K.

Grants Pass, Medford, Drain, Lakeview, Redmond, Newberg, Sweet Home Given Funds.

Word was received from Washington today by Congressman Walter M. Pierce that the public works administration in Washington had allotted \$22,000 for the building of a new school at Cove, a project that has been before the board since last year. The money will be available as soon as bond sale is completed. It was said, Cove voted the bonds many months ago, and word of the action in Washington today was received with delight in the Cove school district, where building improvements have been needed for some time.

Details as to the type of structure were not available today, but it was believed it would be fireproof, and would include a modern heating plant. It is to be built adjacent to the gymnasium, according to word from the Observer correspondent at Cove, and presumably as soon as the new structure is completed, the old wooden school building will be torn down.

The \$22,000 is in loan and grant, and it is presumed that 30 per cent of the amount, or more than \$6,600 will make up the federal grant, the remainder to be handled by the PWA loan.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The public works administration today allotted \$24,540,270 for 215 non-federal projects, of which eight were in Oregon and will be completed at a cost of \$424,500.

The \$400,000,000 allotted by PWA by President Roosevelt from the deficiency appropriation provided by

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Stag Party Held Friday Night At Bingner's Cabin

Members of the winning team, captained by Ken Siegrist, in the recent annual team match at the La Grande country club, were royally entertained at Charles Bingner's cabin on Mt. Emily last night by the losing team, captained by Bingner.

A large attendance of golfers and guests is reported, and all enjoyed the evening meal and entertainment. The team match and the stag party that follows, with the winners being entertained by the losers, has become

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"Baby Face" Tied Up Behind Police Station

"Baby Face" Nelson was in town this morning, if you can believe in signs. Yeh—parked right back of the police station, tied to the guard at one end of the city horsehoe courts. But the police were not perturbed, possibly a little chagrined, but not at all worried.

It was like this. The police brought in a stray cow and tied her up, and then someone hung a sign around her neck, reading "Baby Face" Nelson. Rumor has it that C. H. Catching was the sign hanger.

SALEM CHEMEKETANS VISIT LAKE BASIN

With each passing year more and more Western Oregon people are learning of the marvelous country that lies within the boundaries of Wallowa county—and in their passage to and from the "Switzerland of America" they also become acquainted with La Grande and Union county. At least 30 of Salem's population after this month no longer will think of Eastern Oregon merely as sagebrush and plains. That many members of the Chemeketans, a mount-

Will Sees Decline Of Jap Supremacy

TOKYO, Aug. 16 (AP)—Well, Japan won't have her world supremacy in business long, I saw a lot of golf courses being put in.

That's the beginning of a nation's commercial decline. When we traded a spade for a putter that's the way we started in the red.

What you guys doing with silver over there? You got these folks about nuts and I expect you got yourself the same way.

PLANS GO AHEAD FOR C. E. UNION MEETINGS HERE

Plans are going forward rapidly for the completion of the program for the annual Grande Ronde Union Christian Endeavor convention to be held in the First Presbyterian church here September 21, 22 and 23. Meetings of the committee in charge of planning the program are being held regularly and a complete program is expected to be announced within the next week or so.

Miss Mildred Stoddard, chairman of the program committee, announces that three special speakers are being invited for the convention, and with these as well as other features on the program an interesting time is assured.

The speakers who have been invited to attend are Rex Lewis Gullery, of Eugene, former field secretary of Oregon Christian Endeavor Union and a prominent worker in that organization throughout a period of years. Dr. W. L. Van Nuy, director of young people's work in Oregon for the Presbyterian church who is a former pastor of the local church and an ardent worker among young people is

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INLAND EMPIRE WARM—MERCURY HERE UP TO 98

La Grande's current heat wave reached a new peak Thursday when the mercury reached 98 above, two degrees warmer than the preceding day. Many, however, believed the peak yesterday was the "top" of the current hot spell, with the weather two degrees cooler last night and four degrees cooler at 7 o'clock this morning.

The weather forecast, however, predicts warmer weather in the interior

ELGIN REPORTS PARALYSIS CASE

Following a report from Elgin that a case of infantile paralysis had been found there, Dr. C. E. Gilstrap announced this morning that no other cases have thus far been reported to him in the county. He also stated that coming so late in the summer, there is very little likelihood that any other cases will be found, and that there is no cause for alarm.

Dr. Gilstrap also announces that infantile paralysis is never prevalent after the first frost of the fall, when the chief carriers such as flies are killed.

Mrs. A. Sherwood, of Elgin, is reported to be suffering from the disease.

A Vintage Eve



Decked out in the cream of the 1934 grapes is Ethel Byers of St. Helena, Cal. in a modern counterpart of Eve. She's preparing her costume for the St. Helena vintage festival, revived for the first time since prohibition went into effect.

PORTLAND PLEA FOR MORE CASH IS TURNED DOWN

PORTLAND, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Oregon highway commission today spoke a final "no" in reply to a request of Portland and Multnomah county that this district be given a larger allocation of federal aid highway funds than the commission had allowed.

The Portland area has been allotted \$663,000. The city-county relief committee asked an additional \$700,000. The commission answered with an unmistakable negative answer and with the observation that "contention will delay plans and contracts

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PERRY FIRE CONTROLLED LAST NIGHT

Quantity of Lumber Burned When Grass Fire Escapes Bounds

One of the most serious fires to develop in this district this summer occurred at Perry late yesterday, when flames from a grass fire near the Sunset Tavern broke from control and raved up Middle valley.

L. C. Morehead, state fire warden from La Grande, a section crew and a number of Perry residents fought the fire, which started about 4 p. m., until about 10:30 o'clock, when it was definitely under control.

The fire raved over the site of the old Grande Ronde Lumber company and burned a considerable amount of lumber still there, which was to have been marketed. This was the only loss of consequence, but had not the fire been stopped, much more loss undoubtedly would have been caused, reports said.

A crew of men remained on watch all last night to see that the fire did not break out again, and a few remained on watch today, Mr. Morehead reported.

Sign More Acts For Vaudeville Saturday Night

Three more acts of vaudeville have been signed for the American Legion benefit show to be held in Zuber hall Saturday night. A two-reel silent picture entitled "Arabella from The Dallee" will be shown on the screen. The picture was taken locally and has just been completed. The cast includes Cecil Walden who takes the part of a villain, and the heroine is Miss Ma Andrews. Jean Pickcock takes the part of a gentleman from La Grande and father of the heroine and the girl's lover will be portrayed by Robert Spencer. The production is under the direction of Robert Robertson who will act as the announcer in describing the picture.

The O'Brien twins, "Jackie and Bobby," will appear in novelty tap dance numbers. These young ladies have been signed for a return engagement, having appeared in the last legion production. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Howard O'Brien, former residents of La Grande.

Tommy Whitehead, the Scottish cowboy, will entertain the audience with songs of the west and Scottish airs. The curtain rises promptly at 8:30.

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STRANGE HARVEST



Leaders Gather at Marion Congress



Alexis Henry M. Cardinal Lepicier, O. S. M. of Rome, is greeted by Mayor Joseph K. Carson at Portland when religious leaders of Servite Fathers of the World gathered in the first Marion Congress to be held on American soil.

MERRIAM'S NAME IS MENTIONED IN CONSPIRACY CASE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17 (AP)—Alleging a political conspiracy in which the name of Gov. Frank P. Merriam was mentioned, an affidavit was on file in federal court today asserting an improper withdrawal of about \$7,000,000 from the assets of the Western Loan and Building company of Utah had been discovered.

Rose Sullivan, of Rock Springs, Wyo., swore to the document which was filed in support of a motion which Federal Judge William P. James will hear August 27 for appointment of a receiver for the company pending trial of a suit for liquidation of the organization.

The affidavit charged that after the company, which operated in California, Utah, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming and Idaho, was declared insolvent in 1933, Friend W. Richardson, former state building and loan commissioner, and others entered into a plan to delay liquidation of the company.

The delay, it was asserted, would be undertaken for the purpose of presenting a plan of reorganization, and Mrs. Sullivan's affidavit asked the court to declare invalid a reorganization scheme later approved by the superior court.

The affidavit also asserted that Richardson, who recently became banking commissioner of California, banked the post after an understanding with Merriam that he would or-

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GRAIN QUOTA FOR EXPORT MUCH LOWER

U. S. Tentatively Allotted 10,000,000 Bushels For 1934-35.

By Albert W. Wilson (Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The United States was tentatively allocated a 1934-35 wheat export quota of 10,000,000 bushels by the international wheat conference today, the Associated Press was informed by an official source.

Argentina's export quota was placed at 150,000,000 bushels, this source added.

It was extremely doubtful that these figures would be altered, he said, expressing confidence no appreciable change in them would be made at any rate.

The low figure set for the United States was a startling one to observers, although it was known she was willing to accept a considerable reduction because of the drought. It had been said on good authority 30,000,000 bushels would be acceptable at Washington. Argentina had asked an allotment of 150,000,000 bushels for export. The "big four" exporters held a private meeting in the afternoon at which the question of quotas

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BETTER BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP)—The turn to more favorable weather, particularly the easing of drought conditions in the midwest, has brightened business prospects and sentiment, says the Dun & Bradstreet weekly trade review.

With no extension of the boundaries of the drought areas reported for more than two weeks, "assorted review," and with the heat wave definitely broken, preliminary estimates place farm income at 20 to 25 per cent higher than it was a year ago.

"The final launching of the billion-dollar home renovation drive is expected to bring an early upturn in employment.

"The volume of retail sales, said the review, was larger than a week earlier with gains ranging from 2 per cent in some parts of the east to 20 to 30 per cent respectively for the southwest and Pacific coast.

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Wheat Today

The price of local new crop cash wheat stood at about 65 cents bulk here today, according to the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 83 1/2 cents. No export bid.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (AP)—A big tumble in corn futures late today went hand in hand with free selling on the part of houses with connections east.

Wheat weakened as a result of sympathy with corn.

Corn suffered an extreme drop of 3 1/2c and closed nervous 1 1/2c @ 2 1/2c under yesterday's finish. Dec. 70 1/4c @ 70 1/2c, when irregular at 1 1/2c decline to 1c advance. Dec. new \$1.00 1/4c @ 1c, oats 1/2 @ 1/2c off, and provisions varying from 10c setback to 5c gain.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

FIRE DESTROYS CASCADE, R. C. HITLER EXPLAINS POLICY TWO KILLED BY SLIDE EXTEND AIRMAIL CONTRACTS

COLVILLE, Wash., Aug. 17 (AP)—A stage driver who arrived in Colville today said the town of Cascade, R. C., was destroyed by fire this morning.

HAMBURG, GERMANY, Aug. 17 (AP)—United Germany asks no favors of a hostile world but has the right to expect to be allowed to go its own way in peace, Chancellor Hitler told shipyard workers in an unscheduled waterfront speech this afternoon.

GEORGETOWN, Cal., Aug. 17 (AP)—Two men were killed in a slide in the 700 foot slope of the Sliger mine at Spanish dry diggings near here early today.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Officials of the postoffice department said today present airmail contracts, which were let originally for a period of three months, would be extended an additional nine months under authority of the air mail act approved June 12 this year.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 17 (AP)—A squadron of army air bombers completed its photographic survey of Alaska today and hopped for Seattle at 12:14 p. m. (PST) the 19 giant ships leaving in formation for a non-stop flight, the first of its kind ever attempted in United States territory.

TEXTILE WORKERS GENERAL STRIKE IS THREATENING

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP)—Thomas E. McMahon, reelected today as president of the United Textile Workers of America, declared that only President Roosevelt could avert a general strike in the cotton textile industry.

He said that under the mandate of the convention issued yesterday there was no doubt of the strike being called unless the president "forces the leaders of the textile industry to sit down at the conference table with representatives of the United Textile Workers."

He added that General Hugh Johnson, NIRA administrator, was "not high enough up" to be able to "do anything about the strike."

The convention ordered the union's executive council to call a general

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FISHERMEN BACK ON RIVER TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 17 (AP)—Columbia river fishermen were back on the river today, hauling in record catches of salmon as fast as possible in order to take advantage of the eight remaining days of the fishing season. Every cannery in the district reopened after a one-day shutdown.

The strike of some 4,000 fishermen and cannery employes which started Wednesday night was settled late Thursday by a vote of the fishermen, who agreed to accept the packers' revised price for fish.

The strike was called when the fish price was reduced from six to four cents a pound. Yesterday afternoon, packers offered four and one-half cents, which was accepted by the strikers in a two-to-one vote. The salmon run is now at its peak, and large catches are being made by nearly every boat on the river.

U. S. SILVER "PROFIT" RIVALS INCOME TAX

By Benjamin Coby WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The "profit" the government makes on the silver is almost proving a rival to the income tax just now, Senators are reported since the beginning of the program to make silver one-fourth of the metal back of the currency is running at nearly two-thirds of income receipts. It stands at \$18,316,937, according to latest figures. The tax collections since July 1 amount to \$28,430,299.

"The 'profit' is the difference between what the treasury pays for silver and the monetary value of \$1.29 an ounce. Against free silver which was in the treasury before the silver purchase act, the government is issuing currency on the basis of \$1.29 an ounce, although the cost was much lower. Officials have emphasized that there is no present plan

to issue certificates on other silver at anything greater than a cost basis. When publication of the signiorage item upon the treasury receipts first brought announcement that certificates were being printed in full at \$1.29 an ounce against a limited amount of the metal, the silver certificates outstanding totaled only \$465,301,959.

"COLD FEET" HELD CAUSE OF RELEASE

No Ransom Paid to Abductors of Canadian Brewer, Report.

OFFICERS WITHOUT ANY "HOT TRAIL"

In Meantime, Wife of Kidnaped Evangelist in North Carolina Gets New Demand.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., Aug. 17 (AP)—Mrs. R. H. Askew was reported today to have received a second communication from the presumed kidnapers of her husband, "Four-Square Gospel" evangelist missing since Tuesday. Reliable sources, however, said she received a telegram sent from Washington which said: "Have the money, ready Saturday."

TORONTO, Aug. 17 (AP)—Attorney General A. W. Robbuck disclosed today the official story of a kidnap gang's futile sortie into Canada and the subsequent release early today of their prisoner, John S. Labatt, wealthy brewer of London, Ont. His release was effected, it was authoritatively stated, without payment of the \$150,000 ransom demanded.

Another report, however, said less than \$50,000 ransom was paid.

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Girl's Attempt To Swim Across Lake a Failure

SANDUSKY, Ohio, Aug. 17 (AP)—Thwarted in her first attempt to swim across Lake Erie, 18-year-old Florence Bruschaber wants to try again.

She was brought back to her home early today aboard the coast guard patrol boat Diligent after being forced to give up her first try last night by chill and severe stomach pain.

During ten hours and 20 minutes in the water, she had swum 14 miles of the 33-mile stretch from Paint Pelee, Ont., to Cedar Point, O. a distance twice as great as her best previous long distance mark.

"It was too much of a jump over anything I've tried before," the weary girl said as she was hustled off for a full day of rest.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
(First Game)	R. H. E.
Detroit	2 0 1
New York	5 6 0
Sorrell, Hamlin and Hayworth; Gomez and Dickey.	
(Second Game)	R. H. E.
Detroit	2 5 0
New York	0 3 1
Rowe and Cochrane; Deahong, Murphy and Dickey.	
(First Game)	R. H. E.
St. Louis	0 2 2
Boston	6 10 2
Newson and Hamsley; W. Ferrell and B. Ferrell.	
(First Game)	R. H. E.
Cleveland	3 10 0
Washington	4 11 0
Whitehead and Berg; Pytlak; Whitehill and Bolton.	
National League	
(First Game)	R. H. E.
New York	7 11 0
Pittsburgh	3 3 0
Frummel, Smith and Mancuso; Lucas, French, Chagnon, Birzoffer and Grace.	