

Half Year Tax Collections Amount To \$411,580.99

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BANDITS STAGE DARING ROBBERY

\$242,217 OF '33 TAX ROLL IS RECEIVED

Semi-annual Report of Sheriff Breshears Published Today.

BACK TAXES COME IN FOR 8 YEARS

Rebates to Taxpayers On 1933 Roll Totals \$4,272.37 — Ten-Payment Plan is Popular.

During the first half of 1934, the sheriff's department collected \$411,580.99 in taxes, penalty and interest, the sheriff's report—just made public—reveals. In addition to this he collected fees and other items in the amount of \$1,283.85, bringing total collections for the half year to \$412,864.84.

Of the tax payments \$242,217.70 were paid this year on the 1933 rolls. The records also revealed that \$4,272.37 in rebates were made to taxpayers who paid more than one quarter at a time and thus became eligible for the discount allowed by the new state law.

Delinquent tax payments reached back to the year 1925. They follow:

| Year | Total Payments |
|------|----------------|
| 1925 | 9.04 |
| 1926 | 430.19 |
| 1927 | 907.50 |
| 1928 | 4,300.96 |
| 1929 | 4,726.98 |
| 1930 | 23,250.82 |
| 1931 | 46,580.88 |
| 1932 | 77,994.40 |
| 1933 | 242,217.70 |

Total \$411,580.99
Much interest was shown in the ten-payment plan for taxes due in 1930 and prior years. Of the total

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Rotarians And Wives In Picnic At Cove Monday

Members of the La Grande Rotary club and their wives enjoyed a picnic last evening at the Ascension park at Cove, with Rev. Clarence Kopp, secretary of the club, as host. An impromptu kitchen ball game was enjoyed after which a potluck dinner was served. Following the meal, the party adjourned to the auditorium hall where Miss Genevieve Jordan, daughter of Sam Jordan of the La Grande hotel, played two violin numbers and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mixer furnished music for an impromptu dance.

CARRIERS TO LOCATE HERE

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Currier will leave Baker today for La Grande, where Mr. Currier will continue his work with the Oregon State Labor league, which maintains headquarters in La Grande. Mr. Currier is vice president of the state organization.

CARS FIGURE IN ACCIDENT

Cars driven by Steve Smith and Herman Skala figured in a minor accident on Fir street at 2:15 p. m. Monday. No one was hurt.

MANY GROUSE BAGGED "HUNS" TO BE TEST

The grouse season in Union, Wallowa and Baker counties opened a one-month stand yesterday morning, and from the standpoint of most of the hunters, it was a very successful opening. Many nimrods found the birds fairly plentiful and quite a number of limit bags were reported. Of course, there were also many hunters who came home empty-handed—but that's part of the game. All can't be lucky the same day!

The opening of the 1934 hunting season brings to mind the fact that Union county is to enjoy an open season on Hungarian pheasants this fall, from Oct. 15 to Oct. 31.

And, from all reports, there are quite a number of the fast flying little game birds ranging over the valley and plenty of sport is in prospect. Much speedier on the wing than the Chinese pheasants and a bit

Huey Has Chance If He Acts Quickly



HARBIN, Manchuria, Aug. 20 — I see by the papers that Huey Long decided in favor of Paraguay and got a fort named after him down there. I guess these folks heard about a big island near New York named for Long, where there was a battle not long ago.

If Huey will intervene over here right quick, I think I can get a county and two miles of railroad named after him, Yours,

Mail Rogers.
1934, McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

IMNAHA FOREST FIRE HEMMED IN BY C. C. C. CREWS

The forest fire started in the Imnaha river section Thursday afternoon has been placed under control by 200 firefighters and crews are now "mopping up" after the biggest conflagration of the year on the Whitman national forest, according to reports from Baker today.

The blaze is estimated to have covered 300 acres before it could be stopped. It was burning in a rugged section of the mountains covered with much down timber and could have resulted in a large fire had it not been controlled.

Most of the fire-fighting crew was composed of C. C. C. workers and the Wallowa C. C. C. camp. Roland Huff, assistant supervisor of the Whitman national forest, said

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WARMER DAYS IN STORE, WEATHER BUREAU PREDICTS

With more than a month of warm, dry weather now passed, the weather prediction for tonight and Wednesday in the interior of Oregon is for "high temperature and low humidity," according to the government forecasting bureau in Portland.

Monday's maximum here was 89 above, and indications were that today's high would pass that figure. Whether the Eastern Oregon district was in for another scorching heat wave remained to be seen.

Forest officials and others con-

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FORMAL NOTICE OF ROAD HEARING

Formal notice was given the city today by the state highway commission that a hearing would be held in La Grande at 10 a. m. on Sept. 18 for the purpose of receiving both persons for or against the proposal to construct an undergrade crossing at this end of the Wallowa Lake-La Grande highway at a cost of some \$96,000.

The letter informed City Manager Angus McAllister that detailed plans of the project would be forwarded in the near future.

The commission also asked if it would be possible to hold the hearing in the city commission rooms.

FIRES GAIN HEADWAY IN IDAHO TODAY

Three New Blazes in Payette Forest, One Burning 3,000 Acres.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 21 (AP)—Twenty-five thousand acres of forest land in Western Idaho were ablaze today with 1500 men striving to prevent further spread.

Three fires broke out in the Payette national forest. One on the middle fork of the Payette river was approximately 3,000 acres in extent with 400 men fighting it and was raging wildly out of control. Another on Sage Hen creek reached 2,000 acres and drew in 200 men. The third was smaller but out of control.

The flames on the 20,000 acre blaze in the Boise national forest continued quiet during the night and the 900 men deployed around it sought to prevent it spreading further by trenching, suppressing spot fires and spraying dangerous territory with high pressure pumps.

Mining Properties Burned
Seven mining properties were added to the toll of loss in yesterday's steady but slow march of the fire through the upper part of the Boise Basin. Mines burned were the Illinois, the Mascot, the Lucky Boy, the Forest King, the Mary Lou, the Gambrian, and the Gold Coin. Mostly they were old properties now operated only by a man or two but some had crews of a dozen men who saw their jobs wiped out by the fire.

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Smith Dwelling At Cove Burned; Furniture Saved

COVE, Ore. (Special)—The Claire Smith house located near the Cove swimming pool burned about 11:30 o'clock this morning. Most of the furniture was saved from the six-room, story and a half dwelling, which it is believed would cost from \$500 to \$1000 to replace. Mrs. Smith was alone at the time, but called in neighbors who rendered valuable assistance. The fire caught around the flue.

It was not known today whether the loss was covered by insurance.

WARSAW STARTS EXPANSION

WARSAW (AP)—Start has been made on a 2-year plan calling for incorporation in the city of several suburbs, fiscal reforms and the creation of a 36-man council representing various industries.

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GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC MARCHES AGAIN



Shadowy remnant of a once mighty host, G. A. R. veterans here march at their 69th annual encampment in Rochester, N. Y., with Charles Kinney, Raymond, Neb., hobbling valiantly along with the aid of his crutch, sole representative from his state, which in years past sent hundreds to the encampments. With cheers from the crowds massed along the line of march ringing in their ears, the warriors of '61 stepped along briskly despite their feebleness.

CHICAGO MAY SEE TRANSPORTATION GENERAL STRIKE

CHARGED WITH MURDER
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—First degree murder charges were placed today against nine of 14 persons arrested by officers investigating the waterfront hiring hall dispute riot here yesterday in which James Conner, 23, was killed and another man wounded with a bullet. Deputy District Attorney Joe Price said 29 murder warrants naming specific persons have been issued.

By The Associated Press

Union labor is considering today a proposal for a general transportation strike in Chicago, where a police executive has described the bus drivers' walkout as "about ripe to blow wide open."

Chicago surface line employees are to ask the executive board of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, meeting in Detroit, for permis-

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Mother of 21 Children Given Hungarian Medal

BUDAPEST, Aug. 21 (AP)—Mrs. J. Krammer, a peasant woman living near Budapest, today was awarded the government's first prize for having more children than any other mother in Hungary. Mrs. Krammer, who is only 48 years old, now has 21 children. She was married at 16.

Gold medals were awarded 6,000 other Hungarian mothers, who, combined, have a total of 80,000 children.

SITUATION TENSE IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 21 (AP)—New Orleans stood by expectantly today waiting for the opening salvo in Senator Huey Long's new campaign against his bitter political foe, Mayor T. Semmes Wainwright.

Long's threat to rip the city government wide open with exposure of

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ATTEMPT TO SET QUOTAS IS FAILURE

World Wheat Conference Abandons Hopes of Reaching Agreement

LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Attempts to reach an agreement on export quotas were definitely abandoned today by the world wheat conference, which has been in session for a week. Unrestrained shipping of wheat by all countries is assured, at least until November.

This means the first "open season" in wheat shipping since the 1934 wheat agreement was signed last August, although during the year

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WINS WILD RACE WITH GANG GUNS

CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (AP)—James Dugan, business agent for the painter's union, early today won a wild race for his life against a machine gun squad which pursued him right up to the door of a police station.

Dugan was driving home from the wake of Roy Thompson, a delegate of the labor organization and the second victim of a strike over control of the painter's union, when the gun crew wheeled alongside his car and loosed a stream of bullets. Dugan hunched over the wheel of his machine and opened the throttle.

He headed for the Deering station, his assailants directing a constant round of shots at him. They were close behind him when he drew up before the police headquarters. The final fusillade was directed at him as he sprang for the station door. He was not injured.

Wheat Today

The price of local new crop cash wheat stood at about 67c bulk here today, according to the Pioneer flouring mills, Portland cash 81 1/2c. No export bid.

CHICAGO, Aug. 21 (AP)—Grain prices moved upward again cautiously today on the stimulus of fresh advances in foreign markets. Although overnight gains of almost two cents in wheat and more than a cent in corn were scored at times, the net change was held to a slightly narrower range largely as a result of hesitancy on the part of buyers.

Wheat closed 1/2 to 1 1/2c higher compared with yesterday's finish, December now at \$1.05 1/2 to \$1.06, off 1/2c from the day's high point. May deliveries closed at \$1.07 1/2 to 1 1/2c, while September new stood at \$1.04 1/2 to 1 1/2c.

Corn showed a day's gain of 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c, down 1/2c from the high, December closing at 78 1/2 to 79 1/2c. Oats gained 1/2 to 3/4c. Rye and barley were up more than a cent.

JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

RESERVE BOARD HEAD NAMED

STRIKE RIOT KILLS ONE

DECLINES DEBATE PROPOSAL

SPIDER-SNAKE DUEL ENDED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt today designated J. J. Thomas of the federal reserve board to be vice governor of the board and reappointed Adolph C. Miller for a 15-year term.

GOODWILL, W. Va., Aug. 21 (AP)—Deputy Sheriff K. C. Peterfish was slain today in a skirmish between strikers and non-strikers at the Goodwill mine of the Winding Gulf colliery. Earl Overstreet, a union mine worker, was shot in the neck and is in a hospital in a serious condition.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Senator Hastings of Delaware, chairman of the republican senatorial campaign committee, today declined a proposal of Senator Lewis of Illinois, chairman of the Democratic senatorial committee for a joint debate on campaign issues.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 21 (AP)—An execution by the S. P. C. A. put an end to the death duel of a tiny black spider—which was winning—and a garter-snake a thousand times its size in the basement of a Baltimore home. The conflict had raged for four days when a representative of the society snipped off the head of the snake.

NRA COMPLIANCE MAY BE SHIFTED TO JUSTICE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Washington Post says administration officials are reported to be considering shifting the NRA compliance division to the department of justice.

Such a step would be one of the major changes in a proposed reorganization of the recovery unit.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt decided today to return to Washington from the funeral of Speaker Rainey in Carrollton, Ill., tomorrow before proceeding over the weekend to his summer residence at the family home in Hyde Park, N. Y.

Mr. Roosevelt changed his plans when he found it would be impossible for him to see all the callers on his list today.

He will return to the White House late Thursday from the speaker's

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JOE BYRNS MAY SUCCEED RAINEY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—The name of Joseph Willington Byrns headed many lists of likely successors to the late Speaker Henry T. Rainey today. Though the matter is not settled and may lead to strong intra-party rivalry, the Tennessee representative, who is Democratic floor leader, appeared to some observers to have the pole in the race.

Others were far from being counted out. The list of possible contenders included: Representatives Sam Rayburn, of Texas; William B. Bankhead and John McDuffie, of Alabama; Cliff Woodrum, of Virginia; John McCormack, of Massachusetts; Lindsay Warren, of North Carolina; and John E. Rankin, of Mississippi.

\$427,000 IS LOOT TAKEN IN BROOKLYN

Machine Gun Gang Escapes With Coin and Currency Today.

ARMORED TRUCK NO PROTECTION

Driver And Two Guards Disarmed — Robbers Leave \$29,000 in Haste to Depart.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Aug. 21 (AP)—Machine gun bandits today held up an armored truck, escaped with \$427,000 in three speedy automobiles, and two of them abandoned one of their machines for a speedboat, heading off into upper New York bay toward New Jersey.

None of the stolen money was found in the abandoned car, a large sedan which was found nineteen blocks from the scene of the holdup. Police advanced the theory that the money, tossed from the armored car into the bandit machines, had been transferred by the robbers into a smaller machine and that the two men who escaped in a boat headed for a rendezvous to take over the loot.

The holdup, coming shortly after mid-day, was one of the boldest and most quickly executed robberies in

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Lighthouse Of Mediterranean Is In Eruption

STROMBOLI ISLAND, Italy, Aug. 21 (AP)—Heralded by two shattering crashes, Stromboli volcano, "The Lighthouse of the Mediterranean," erupted today pouring hot lava down the fertile slopes of the huge mountain. Burning rock was thrown from the cleft of the crater toward the east.

The eruption was clearly visible from Tropea of the mainland, 35 miles away. The eruption resembled that of September, 1930, when a serious lava flow destroyed a fortune in farms and vineyards on the island. No immediate damage was reported.

The volcano is called "the lighthouse" because its constant flames for generations have served as a landmark to ships at sea at night.

Baseball

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | |
|---|--------|
| Detroit | 8 10 1 |
| Boston | 4 9 2 |
| Rowe and Hayworth, Cochran; Ostermuller, Rhodes, J. Johnson and R. Farrell. | |
| St. Louis | 8 11 3 |
| New York | 6 9 2 |
| Wells, Knott, Blaholder, and Homan; Vanatta, MacPadden, Newkirk and Dickey. | |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | |
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| New York | 3 10 3 |
| Cincinnati | 4 6 1 |
| Pittsmons, Smith and Mancuso; Danning, Derringer and Lombardi. | |
| Philadelphia | 6 7 0 |
| Chicago | 1 6 4 |
| Collins and J. Wilson; Warneke, Tinning, Root and Hartnett. | |

CHRISTIANITY FACES GERMAN OPPOSITION

By Walter E. Brockmann
BERLIN, Aug. 21 (AP)—Nazi propaganda guns fired an anti-Christianity barrage today which caused grave apprehension in Roman Catholic and some protestant circles.

Developments in the troubled church situation indicated fresh tension, despite Chancellor Hitler's acknowledgment of "positive Christianity" in a recent declaration at Hamburg.

Heading the developments was an appeal for abolition of Christianity, apparently inspired by Hitler youth leaders.

Paul Joseph Goebbels, minister of propaganda added to the fears with a veiled threat against Catholics and a new church drive was announced by Reichsbishop Ludwig Mueller which would "cover every city and county from autumn until spring."

status of a concordat between Vatican City and the nation.

The death of the late President Paul von Hindenburg, who had admonished Dr. Mueller "to see to it that Christ is preached," apparently has removed a curb of the Nazi church experiments.

August Hoppe of the Hitler youth press department, writing in the current issue of the Nazi periodical, Nordland, praised Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, philosophic dictator of the third reich and leader of the Pagan movement in the protestant church.

"The time has come to take up the fight against Christianity," said Hoppe. "Germans shall and must realize their conversion to Christianity was a crime against the race and the people which put them completely at the mercy of powers outside the state."

He urged Germans to "liberate yourselves from the cultures of alien priests who want to make you the booty of the Jews."

ROLLING UP A BIG VOTE IN GERMANY

