

Union, Wallowa County Employment Levels Up

Employment levels increased in Union and Wallowa counties in July—for the fourth consecutive month, Ernest O. Burrows, manager of the La Grande office of the state employment service, announced yesterday.

Virtually all regular workers on lay-off status in the logging and lumber industries had been recalled by the end of July. Some shortages for skilled and semi-skilled sawmill workers developed in the area, requiring clearance recruitment to fill these needs. New hiring in other industries was mainly in the retail trade and service.

Seventy-nine workers were placed on jobs in July by this local office. Thirty-four of these were farm hands.

A contract in the amount of \$335,002 was awarded for an Oregon Forest Development Road project in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in Wallowa County. The work involves the construction of 12 miles of grading in the Gumbo Creek area. This road is part of a development plan to give access to one of the largest remaining stands of virgin timber in North Eastern Oregon.

Building permits issued in July by the City of La Grande totaled \$171,960; compared to \$21,126 in June and \$41,405 in July, 1957.

Farmers With Commodity Loan Get Extra Pay

It has been announced by Ben L. Robinson, chairman of the Union County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, that all producers who have a commodity under loan and deliver to Commodity Credit Corporation at the time of settlement, will receive an additional nine cents per bushel for barley, 10 cents per bushel for rye and 11 cents per bushel for wheat.

Robinson further emphasized that the additional payment is due to the reduced freight rate. Our present loan rates will remain the same as they are now established, but the producer who delivers the loan commodity to CCC at a county point will receive the additional payment on wheat after March 31, 1959, and other grains after April 30, 1959, or settlement time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY
7:30 p.m., La Grande City Commission, City Hall.
7:30 p.m., Carpenters Union Local 2019 in Labor Temple, 220 1/2 Depot street.
8 p.m., DAV, Armory.

THURSDAY
4 p.m., Union County Welfare Commission, Welfare office.
7:30 p.m., Union County Labor Council meeting, Labor temple, 220 1/2 Depot street.
8 p.m., Eagles lodge, Eagles hall.
8 p.m., Elks lodge, Elks temple.

Solon Demands Show Of 'Clean' Hands By Probers

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.) demanded that House influence investigators prove they have "clean hands" before the House votes on their request for a contempt citation against millionaire Bernard Goldfine.

Charging anew the subcommittee's conduct "has become a public scandal," Curtis said the House should get a full explanation from the group which investigated Goldfine, gift-giving friend of Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams.

The congressman, a frequent critic of the subcommittee headed by Rep. Owen Harris (D-Ark.), listed a number of charges against the panel in a statement published in today's Congressional Record.

"These matters, unanswered, badly damage the reputation of Congress," he said. "This subcommittee should make a formal report on these and other matters before the House should consider the request for a contempt citation."

Venezuela Aware Of Communist Danger, Solon Says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore.) said Tuesday that despite reports to the contrary the government of Venezuela is "fully aware" of the dangers of Communism.

Porter, who visited the South American nation last month, took issue with a published report from Caracas, Venezuela, implying that only the Venezuelan army has a full understanding of the Communist threat.

He said the report failed to mention outspokenly anti-Communist statements recently at Rear Admiral Wolfgang Larrazabal, president of the provisional junta, and by Romulo Betancourt, head of the large Accion Democratica party.

U.S. officials dealing with Latin American affairs appeared to share Porter's view. One official just back from a visit to Venezuela said he detected a growing resistance in the government to co-operation with the Communists.

Fire Destroys Cottage Grove Business House

COTTAGE GROVE (UPI) — A \$50,000 fire swept through a Cottage Grove business house early Monday morning, destroying a bowling alley, pool room, and a storage area for appliances.

Owner of the one-story concrete building, Wayne Cannon, who also is owner of a furniture and appliance store here, said about \$9,000 worth of furniture and appliances stored in the building was destroyed.

The bowling alley and pool room operated by Trevor Thompson were a total loss.

Cottage Grove firemen fought the blaze for more than two hours before bringing the blaze under control.

Cause of the fire was undetermined, although Cannon said the blaze may have been started by defective wiring.

Cannon said the building and contents were covered by insurance, but did not reveal whether he would rebuild or not.

LOGGER KILLED
DRAIN (UPI) — Wesley Hickman, 35-year-old logger, was killed in a logging accident eight miles northwest of Drain on Smith River at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday.

Hickman was cinching up the trailer binders on his truck when the logs shifted and one of them struck and crushed him. He was married and the father of four children.

OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



THE STORY OF MARTHA WAYNE



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



By Wilson Scruggs



CAPTAIN EASY



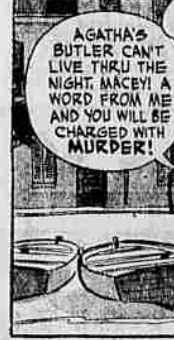
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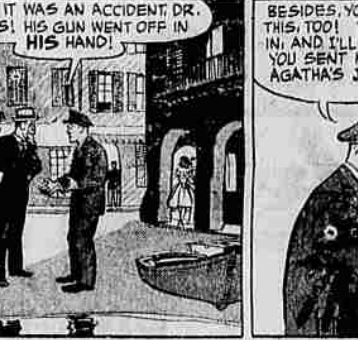
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ALLEY OOP



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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



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Strange As It Seems

THE CARAWAY SEED IS NOT A SEED, BUT A FRUIT!

THE WALKING PURCHASE! THE INDIANS AGREED TO LET WILLIAM PENN HAVE LAND EXTENDING AS FAR AS A MAN COULD WALK IN 3 DAYS... PENN USED ONLY HALF OF IT, BUT A LATER GOVERNOR HIRED THE FASTEST MEN HE COULD FIND, ONE OF WHOM COVERED 86 MILES IN 1 1/2 DAYS...

TO PRESERVE VALUABLE BACTERIAL CULTURES TO BE USED IN BRITAIN AS A VACCINE IN COMBATING BRUCELLOSIS, A CATTLE DISEASE, DR. C. K. MINGLE, of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, USED THE WARMTH OF HIS BODY TO KEEP THE DEADLY GERMS ALIVE.

TEMPERATURES OF 38° BELOW ZERO DURING HIS FLIGHT TO ENGLAND, NECESSITATED CARRYING THE GERMS UNDER HIS FLYING SUIT!

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TOWN TAMER

By FRANK CRUBER

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THE STORY: Word has spread through Great Plains that the famous Marshal Tom Rosser has not hung up his gun, and has come to the frontier town. Tom's mission is twofold. He has been hired by the railroad to tame the town, and he seeks personal vengeance for the death of his sweetheart.

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A POKER game, with five players, was going on in the Pleasure Palace. Rosser stopped at the bar. "Mr. Hodder here?"

The bartender pointed to the poker game. "That's Charlie there, fellow with the fancy vest."

Rosser walked to the poker game. He was within two steps of it when he came to an abrupt halt. One of the players was Guy Tavenner!

Even as he stopped, Tavenner's eyes met his. "I know you," Tavenner said. "I never forget a face."

"St. Paul," Rosser said evenly. "Yeah," Tavenner cut in quickly.

Hodder, the man with the fancy vest, threw out a hand. "Whoa, Tavenner, hold everything! You want to fight, wait until after the game." He smiled up at Rosser. "Or maybe you'd rather fight it out with aces and full houses?"

"I really came over to see you, Mr. Hodder."

Rosser pulled out a chair and seated himself at the table. He brought out his entire cash resources, a crumpled \$10 bill, two gold half eagles and a silver dollar.

"That's all you got?" sneered Tavenner.

"It's more than you had when you quit the game last time we played poker..."

"I've got more now. I'll cut you high card for that."

Rosser took out the deed to Section 28. He handed it to Hodder.

Hodder looked at the deed. "How much will you lend me on this?"

Hodder looked curiously at Rosser, then took the deed. His eyes widened as he glanced at it. Then he folded the document and handed it back to Rosser.

"Whatever you say."

Rosser turned back to Guy Tavenner. "Put up \$1,000."

Tavenner said sulkily, "I haven't got a thousand."

"Then how about three hundred? Isn't that the amount you beat the St. Paul hotel out of?"

Tavenner bared his teeth. He counted out money, leaving a small sheaf of bills and some silver in front of him. The rest he shoved onto the table. "There's your three hundred. When we get through cutting, win or lose, I'm going to pin your ears back for you."

Savagely, he rifled the cards and slammed the deck down on the table. Rosser reached out and shoved the pack to Hodder. "You shuffle, Mr. Hodder."

HODDER gave the cards a quick shuffle and put them down on the table. Rosser leaned over, cut the cards and turned up his cut. A ten. Tavenner drew a deep breath and made a cut. He kicked back his chair. "Do you want it in here or outside?"

"What's your card?"

"All right, that's out of the way," Tavenner got up and showed the seven of spades.

The would-be banker, Hodder, said quietly, "Before you start, Tavenner, take a look at that deed of land."

Tavenner, a puzzled look on his face, but caught by the banker's tone, reached for the land deed. He looked at it.

"Tom Rosser," he read, then a hoarse cry was torn from his throat. "Rosser... the gun-fighter!"

A violent shudder ran through Tavenner. He stared at Rosser.