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**ASHLAND CLIMATE**  
 Without the use of medicine cures nine cases out of ten of asthma. This is a proven fact.

### DAM PROJECT IS LARGEST IN DISTRICT

**Emigrant Creek Dam Being Built With Monster Equipment FINISHED IN FALL**

Huge "Elephants' Trunks" Used To Distribute Cement; Much Faster Than Humans

One who has not visited the Emigrant Creek dam project since the pouring of concrete was begun, can have no idea of the immensity of the project. Except for the Gold Rea and Savage Rapids projects, where the Rogue River is dammed up, the Emigrant Creek dam is the largest ever undertaken in southern Oregon. Without question, it is the largest ever started in Jackson county.

Cement is being poured at a rate impossible to equal with a force of a thousand men with wheelbarrows. To make this possible, "elephants' trunks," used on all big dam projects, are being employed.

These machines are large tubes, operated by machinery, which distribute the cement. A construction elevator, 200 feet tall, carries up cement, which is dumped into the "elephant's trunk," and runs down to the distributor. There are two "trunks," one of which distributes at each end of the dam.

**Work Night and Day**  
 A large rock crusher is working night and day, preparing rock for the cement mixer. To speed up work, cement and rock are carried in mechanical conveyors. The cement is mixed at the foot of the elevator, dumped into a conveyor, carried to the top, and poured into the distributing tubes.

To support the "elephants' trunks," immense cables and counterbalances extend through the air. The cables are heavy, and made for service.

**Very Substantial**  
 The dam is very wide, and is being built to withstand a tremendous water pressure. Rocks and steel are used for reinforcement. The method of construction is to build one half of the dam two tiers high, let it set, and then build up the other side. When the cement is hard, it is washed off and all loose gravel removed, to make it more solid.

According to workmen at the dam, there are over 150 men working daily on the project. Work starts early in the morning, and continues until late at night, two or three shifts of men being used.

The construction equipment being used is much larger than is necessary to finish the work in the contracted time, and guarantees that the work will absolutely be completed this fall, in time to catch the winter and spring floods, so that water will be available next spring.

It is this dam which will make it possible for Ashland to have more water.

The water will run into the Hyatt Prairie dam canal, and water from the two dams will supply 1600 acres of land in Bellevue, 600 acre feet in Ashland, and a stretch of land between Talent and Jacksonville.

With little cost, water from Neel Creek can be diverted into the Emigrant Creek dam, in case of necessity.

F. H. Walker, of Ashland, is acting as supervising engineer for the Talent Irrigation District on the project.

### MORTON BUSINESS AREA WIPED OUT BY FIRE

**MORTON, Wash., July 26.**—Fire at an early hour this morning wiped out the business district of this place, which is a terminus of the Milwaukee railroad in eastern Lewis county. But two small business buildings are left standing, the hotels, bank and all other business structures having been destroyed.

The cause of the disastrous fire has not been determined.

**FARM BUILDINGS ARE BURNED IN SISKIYOU**

**School House Also Destroyed; 450 Men on Line; Partly Controlled**

**YREKA, Calif., July 26.**—A fire which started on the Greenview-Etna Mills road yesterday afternoon destroyed the Crystal Creek school house, burned all or part of the buildings on five ranches and was checked last evening within a quarter of a mile from the town of Greenview.

In less than three hours after it had started, the blaze had swept westward toward Greenview four miles and a half. Then the wind changed and the flames started up Kidder Creek.

The ranches in the path of the fire include the Warren Smith, Walter Jones, Ira Walker, Ericson and Balfry places. The Smith home and outbuildings were burned half an hour after the fire started.

Mrs. Ericson and her three children were reported to have been burned to death when their home caught on fire while the weeds on all sides were a mass of flames. Later they were found to have escaped unharmed by fleeing to a piece of marshland a short distance away which was untouched by the fire.

Last night 450 men were on the fire lines, most of them volunteers from Yreka, Etna Mills and other nearby towns. The men were served meals by women members of the Klamath National Forest, last night assumed charge of the fire fighters, although the fire was confined to state and private lands.

Early today the flames were raging in the vicinity of the Weed lumber mill, although the mill was not believed to be in danger. The fire was reported to have burned over an area seven miles long and five miles wide.

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**CHICAGO, July 26.**—An indirect charge that the prosecution "fabricated testimony" into the Leopold-Leopold murder trial for the purpose of "intimidating Judge Caverly," in whose hands rests the life or death of the slayers of Bobby Franks were forced into the records by Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense at today's session of the sensational trial.

**Note-Book Demanded**  
 Darrow demanded of Sergeant Gortland his note-book, showing the time, place and all his reported conversations with Leopold, particularly with respect to that portion of the conversation where Leopold is alleged to have said that he might get his case before a friendly judge and be sentenced to life.

"Don't you know this story of yours regarding the friendly judge is pure fabrication to intimidate this 'court'?" Darrow shouted.

The officer replied: "It is not!" He said Leopold made the statement to him at the State Attorney's office, and no one else was present.

**Expression Unchanged**  
 Judge Caverly was an interested spectator all the while during the tilt between Darrow and Sergeant Gortland and his face never changing expression.

**Leopold Not Sorry**  
 Reporters who expressed sorrow for Leopold in his cell before the trial opened this morning were met with this answer: "Say, I don't feel sorry for myself, and I don't want anyone else to feel sorry. What I did I did with my eyes open. It's my life and no one else's."

Leopold said he liked to fancy himself just a spectator at the trial.

The court adjourned at noon today until Monday morning, at which time the state expects to conclude its case against the pair of self-confessed murderers.

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**CALIFORNIA HAS MORE AUTOS THAN NEW YORK**

**SACRAMENTO, July 26.**—California has jumped ahead of New York as the leading state of the Union in the number of motor vehicles. California has a registration of 1,184,015 against 1,169,145 for New York, or a lead of 14,870 for the western state.

**J. P. MORGAN LEAVES FOR LONDON**

**NEW YORK, July 26.**—J. P. Morgan, international financier, whose \$200,000,000 credit for France stopped the decline of French currency, sailed for London to lend a hand, if necessary, in bringing the allied reparations conference to a successful conclusion.

**YAKIMA HAS \$250,000 FIRE**

**YAKIMA, Wash., July 26.**—Damage estimated at more than \$250,000 resulted from a fire early this morning in which four large fruit houses were destroyed. The fire is believed incendiary and started in the building of the Perham & Roche Co. Flames spread to the Holtzinger Fruit Co., Duddy Robinson, and Ryan Fruit properties, and to the yards and sheds of the A. Fossen Co., where small quantities of fruit were stored. Six box cars were also burned. Only a structure in the vicinity was spared in the packing houses. Other efforts on the part of the fire department prevented further spreading.

### WATER SITUATION IN VALLEY IS BAD

**Grants Pass Residents Are Told To Boil Drinking Water; Medford Water Is Poor**

That Medford is not the only city in the valley that is resorting to boiling drinking water during the drought this summer is shown by the following. Owing to the fact that the water in the river is so low and this being the source of the city's water supply, the county and city health officers, after a consultation, state that they deem it advisable to boil all drinking water. It is pointed out that there is no immediate danger but that the step is urged purely as a precautionary measure.

The following is the Mail Tribune's explanation of water conditions in the neighboring city: In the old reservoir, there is a coating of mud, covering the sides.

In the corners of the reservoir, where the water is quieter than in the middle, there are large numbers of apparently fullgrown pollywogs.

By standing to the windward of the reservoir, an investigator can get a pronounced whiff, identical with the scent that comes from the fauces of the city.

The walls of the new reservoir are clean, and contain no visible animal or vegetable life.

Although the Ashland reservoir, due to the foresting of water superintendent Earl Hosler, is full, there is little water running down Ashland creek, and it is possible that conditions similar to those in Grants Pass and Medford may arise in Ashland.

### TRAIN HITS TRUCK ON CITY CROSSING

**Two Narrowly Escape With Lives When Train 16 Hits Fuel Dealer's Machine**

A Ford truck belonging to Lloyd Cole, Ashland fuel dealer, and being driven by Oscar Gray, was badly wrecked when struck by train 16 at Mountain avenue about 6:50 last night. Cole and Gray barely escaped with their lives.

According to Mr. Cole, there were about twenty cars on a siding to the South, and about eight on the North, shutting off all view of the tracks. When Gray saw a train was coming, he attempted to swerve back, and when hit, the truck was between the rails, and was hit head-on.

When he saw it was impossible to turn back, Cole jumped, and shouted to Gray to do the same. Cole jumped across the tracks, and lit within six inches of the train. Gray jumped back, and is believed to have been thrown from the truck, as he landed in the right-of-way fence, several feet from the tracks. Gray suffered a wrenched knee, while Cole escaped uninjured.

The truck was taken to the Ford garage for repairs, and the front end is entirely demolished. "It was a miracle that we were not killed," said Cole today. "If it just the other side of the tracks and could have reached six inches and touched the wheels of the train."

### 2000 ACRES OF TIMBER DESTROYED

**Fire on Grizzly Breaks Out Again And Burns Finest Timber**

**SHALE CITY IS SAFE**

Fire Checked Within Two Miles of Valuable Shale Oil Development

Over 2000 acres of the finest timber on Grizzly Mountain, which hems in Ashland on the North, are estimated to have been burned by the forest fire which last night sprang into renewed life and raged along a seven mile front in spite of the determined effort of a large crew of fire fighters to check it.

The blaze started Thursday as a small grass fire, and by evening, was in the timber near the top of the mountain. About forty men were rushed from Ashland, Medford, and nearby farms, and yesterday noon had the blaze controlled. Last night, a breeze sprang up, and spread the fire.

All last night, and early this morning, the fire raged with fierce heat, spreading to the top of the mountain, and starting through the valuable timber on the other side. According to a firefighter who came in this morning after twenty-four hours of continuous work, the blaze is now within two miles of Shale City, and although temporarily checked, may spring into life again.

The fire is now more dangerous than at this time yesterday, as numerous small fires may spread, and the main blaze may again get out of control.

Last night, the blaze was visible from Ashland, burning in a huge half-circle on the lower fringe, and extending out of sight over Grizzly.

About nine o'clock last night, the fire alarm was sounded to call more fighters, who were sent out to the fire.

**Shale City Safe**  
 Should the blaze spread to Shale City, it is the opinion of many, that the valuable project will be destroyed, as it is said to be situated in a poor place to combat a blaze. A late report, however, states that the fire has been stopped, and the oil project is in little danger.

Last night, 21 men from Ashland were sent out to relieve those who had been working without rest for 24 hours. Water was carried out in trucks, and carried two miles to supply the fighters. Food was sent out last night, and more was delivered this morning.

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Thursday the old tent which has for the past two years served as a gathering place for tourists, was abandoned, and everything moved into the new building, which is of the rustic type, but far from rustic in convenience. The new home of the travelers is centrally located in the camp, directly across from the main entrance.

The past three days, the number of travelers in the camp has increased. Three days ago, 95 cars stopped, two days ago there were an even 100, and last night, there were 85. Each night, there were between 350 and 400 tourists in camp.

While downtown thermometers registered 100 degrees maximum on Thursday the mercury only climbed to 96 in the shade of the auto park, so that tourists had it over Ashland residents, for comfort.

### STOCK LAKE OF THE WOODS WITH FISH

**Deputy Game Warden Roy Parr** stated this morning that the work had been completed of planting between 15,000 and 20,000 catfish in Lake of the Woods, being part of a general program of the State Game Commission to stock that body of water to a point of good fishing.

Eighteen thousand silverside trout were placed in the lake July 18 and during the spring an additional planting was made of some 20,000 trout.

Results of trout planting in the lake during the past are much in evidence this season, several good catches having been reported.

Deputy Warden Parr recently liberated 20 dozen China pheasants near Medford.

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Two men, one giving the name of Chub Lane, and his address as Weed, and the other giving his name and address as Star Sebrell, of Klamath Falls, were arrested by Ashland police yesterday, and this morning were taken to Jacksonville, to be placed in the county jail.

The case will go before Judge Taylor, of Medford, for a hearing. According to Ashland police, several charges, the nature of which were not divulged, will be filed against the men.

"I'm 73, and this is the first time I've ever been behind the bars," declared Sebrell yesterday. When arrested, he was carrying a .44 calibre revolver.

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### PRES. COOLIDGE REBUKES PACIFIC ORGANIZATION

**WASHINGTON, July 26.**—Branding as "unfair and misleading" the methods being employed by certain pacifist organizations in opposing defense days, September 12, President Coolidge rebuked the National Council for Preventing War.

In a letter to Executive Secretary Libbey, the president said: "Instead of defense days being a military gesture, the plan is exactly the opposite and is a non-militaristic gesture for the purpose of keeping down to the lowest possible point professional military organizations of the United States."

### PRIZES TO FEATURE WEEKLY LITHIAN HOP

Prizes and good music will feature the weekly Lithian dance, to be held this evening at the big pavilion in Lithia Park, it was announced today.

Tickets for the dance are \$1.10 or ten cents a dance, the usual arrangement followed at Lithian dances.

McGee's, Enders, the Plaza confectionery, Nininger's, Raggedy Ann shop, and McNair's have given prizes that will be awarded tonight.

### LOCAL WOMAN TO AID CAMPAIGN FOR COOLIDGE

In announcing the list of county managers for the presidential campaign for Coolidge, State Senator Patterson, state manager, announced the name of Mrs. D. Perozzi, of this city, as chairman of the committee for Jackson county.

Mrs. Perozzi is an active republican and takes a decided interest in politics.

### BACK IN ASHLAND

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Leach, and daughter, Marion, are back in Ashland after a visit of two months in Portland and at Seaside.

### U. S. WHEAT CROP IS 40,000,000 BUSHELS SHORT

**WASHINGTON, July 26.**—America's wheat crop this year will fall 40,000,000 bushels short of last year, according to an estimate of the Department of Agriculture.

A production of 741,000,000 bushels is predicted, which coupled with a carry-over of 102,000,000 bushels, will constitute the grand total for the present year.

### BOX FACTORY PLAN ENDORSED BY KIWANIS

**Will Aid Underprivileged Children; Delegates Named to District Convention**

At the regular Friday luncheon and meeting of the Kiwanis club the plans proposed for securing a box factory were given unqualified endorsement, the vote being unanimous. The action followed a report by O. F. Carson, who is chairman of the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Carson also detailed the progress of his committee to date.

Henry Enders, Jr., submitted a report on the proposed new hotel, showing that excellent progress is being made.

In common with all Kiwanis organizations, the local club yesterday decided to take up the underprivileged child movement and will extend all possible aid to such children in this district. This work not only includes necessary medical and surgical attention for those unable to command it, but will extend necessary facilities for an education and other advantages enjoyed by the average child. In this connection, the club requests a report from all knowing of children who are underprivileged.

The matter of sending delegates to the Northwest district convention at Walla Walla, August 25 and 26, was discussed and Senator Geo. W. Dunn and Henry Enders, Jr., trustee and president, respectively, were elected to represent the local club.

Two excellent musical selections were enjoyed. Earl Rasor, well known musician, who is home for a visit, delighted the club with a vocal solo, being accompanied by Miss Lolita Pierson. Miss Pierson also rendered a piano solo in her usual charming manner. Both were encored.

Johnny Shortridge was the only guest at the luncheon.

### BANK CREDIT AMPLE

Trade Decline Preceded by Decline in Lumbering and Building

Distribution of commodities at wholesale and retail throughout the Twelfth District during June was in smaller volume than during preceding months. This decline in general trade has followed by from two to three months the falling off in basic industrial production which appeared early in the spring. Declines both in production and distribution have been from the high levels of the late winter, so that, notwithstanding five months' diminishing activity, this bank's corrected index of bank debits (checks drawn against individuals' accounts at banks), probably the fairest measure of general business conditions obtainable, did not fall below "normal" (100) until June, when it appears to have stood at 96. The movement of the index which is corrected for seasonal variation, year to year growth, and price changes, has been as follows during the first six months of 1924.

January	105.4
February	113.1
March	104.9
April	103.4
May	103.0
June	96.0

During all of this period, however, and particularly during recent weeks, bank credit for conducting business has been in ample supply and relatively cheap.

### TEN LINES SHOW DECREASE

In distribution, which held up well in volume during the first four months of the year, declines were more pronounced during June than during May. Ten of eleven lines of wholesale trade reporting to this bank showed decreases in volume of sales during June, 1924, as compared with June 1923, while the month to month declines have recently been greater than the normal seasonal expectation. Sales of representative department stores in the larger cities declined by more than the seasonal amount from May to June and during the latter month were 1.8 per cent less in value than during June, 1923. Stocks held by the same stores were 7.5 per cent larger in value on July 1, 1924, than on July 1, 1923, which, taken in conjunction with decline of sales over the year period, indicates a slower turnover of goods.

Although the total volume of member bank credit in use in the district has remained at or near the highest levels recorded, its composition has changed steadily toward a smaller proportion of commercial loans to customers and a larger proportion of investments, a change explainable both by diminishing business activity and by the relatively rapid increase in time as compared with demand deposits of the banks.

The amount of Federal Reserve Bank credit in use in the District has been steadily declining, total earning assets of this bank of \$73,000,000 on July 16th having been smaller than at any time since the summer of 1918.

Interest rates in the larger cities throughout the past month have remained at low levels, only a slight and temporary hardening of rates having been noted at the close of the fiscal year on June 30th.

### BUSINESS IN DISTRICT IS NEAR NORMAL

Distribution of Commodities During June Shows Decline

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### AGATES AND JASPER FOUND IN SHALE ROCK

A number of fine agates and "moonstones," which are the same as agates except that they have no iron oxide in them for colorings were this morning shown to the Tidings force by Judge C. B. Watson. Judge Watson has found about forty stones on the shale land near Shale city, he said. A number of pieces of jasper were also found.

The stones were all perfect, being flawless. Mr. Watson carried them in an old silver snuff box he had picked up on the streets of Ashland forty years ago. According to Mr. Watson, who understands geology, the agates and moonstones are formed of silica, which the ocean carried in solution, and deposited when it covered this territory.

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