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## TWO GRANTS PASS GIRLS DROWNED TODAY AT WHITE ROCK

### EDITH NEUBERT AND JULIA ABEL ROGUE VICTIMS

WHIRL POOL AT TREACHEROUS BEACH TAKES TOLL AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON

### INEXPERIENCED SWIMMERS

Roy E. Johnson Only Other Present With Exception of Small Girls. Help of No Avail

The Rogue river claimed its first victims of the swimming season today when Miss Julia Able and Miss Edith Leona Neubert were drowned while swimming at the White Rocks. The accident occurred at 2:30 o'clock and, although help was summoned at once, attempts to revive the two girls were of no avail. They got into the whirlpool at the White Rocks rapids and were dragged under by the suction.

The two girls were swimming at the beach with Roy E. Johnson, Miss Neubert swam out too far and when she felt the strong suction screamed for help. Miss Able, being the best swimmer of the party, started to go to her assistance. Mr. Johnson, an inexperienced swimmer, called her back and tried to take an inflated tire to the drowning girl. Miss Able, meanwhile, had decided to try to be of assistance and was also drawn into the whirl. With the exception of a few small girls, the three were alone and no other assistance was obtainable. A little girl by the name of Wheeler attempted to rescue Miss Neubert but was not able to be of assistance although she caught hold of the larger girl several times. She was sucked under with Miss Neubert several times but finally managed to get back to shore, although it looked at times as if she, too, might drown.

The men working at the rock crusher just below the C. & O. C. bridge rushed to the assistance of the girls as soon as they learned of the accident. Miss Neubert was pulled from the water about 10 minutes after she went under but Miss Able remained in the water for a half hour. Mr. Johnson phoned from Camp Handy for Dr. Loughridge immediately but all efforts at resuscitation were unavailing.

There is a deep hole at the White Rocks, which are located about a half mile above the city. A whirlpool makes this an exceedingly dangerous place, over half a dozen people already having lost their lives there, the greater part of the deaths coming to swimmers.

### TOWNSHIP DOES OWN BUYING AND SELLING

Hartford City, Ind., July 21.—(I. N. S.)—The Harrison Township Farm Bureau, located at Montpelier, will soon have one of the most complete cooperative stores in the state. Both buying and selling will be done. The bureau has purchased a building and is now making repairs upon it.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Choice steers	.....\$7.50 @ \$8.00
Hogs, prime light	.....\$9.00 @ \$9.25
Choice lambs	.....\$10.50 @ \$11.00
Medium lambs	.....\$9.50 @ \$10.50
Choice valley lambs	.....\$10 @ \$10.50
Eggs, selects	.....27c @ 28c
Eggs, firsts	.....25c @ 26c
Butter, extra cubes	.....37c @ 38c
Butter, prints	.....42c
Wheat, soft white	.....\$1.01
Wheat, hard white	.....\$1.04
Wheat, western red	.....\$1.04

Portland, Ore., July 21.—(A. P.)—Livestock, eggs and butter, steady.

### THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE VIEWING BODY OF VILLA

Parral, Mexico, July 21.—(A. P.)—Thousands, today viewed the body of Francisco Villa, slain yesterday from ambush, Villa's secretary, Trillo, was also killed by seven assassins. The first reports that Trillo killed Villa were incorrect.

### U. S. SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE INVADING MEXICO

Laredo, Tex., July 21.—(I. N. S.)—American school teachers are going to Mexico to work.

Within the last two days nearly a hundred young American women have passed through Laredo on their way to Mexico City to attend the summer session of the University of Mexico. The majority of them are teachers of Spanish, or those desirous of learning that language.

Many of them stated they expect to remain in Mexico as school teachers.

### HIGHWAY TRAFFIC INCREASES

Vehicle Traffic Over Pacific Grows Much During Year

Vehicle traffic over the Pacific Highway jumped from 737 vehicles in 1922 to 1978 in 1923. Both figures were taken for the middle of July and are taken to demonstrate the rapid growth of the tourist traffic. The census was taken Thursday at the junction of the Crescent City and Pacific highways between the hours of 6 and 10, making a total of almost 124 cars every hour. In 1921 the traffic past the same point was 741 machines.

On Thursday 681 cars passed over the Crescent City road at the junction. As the report from the O'Brien school was not received, the number of tourists cannot be ascertained. Last year 604 cars passed the same point and the year before 377. At Wolf Creek, 823 cars passed on the Pacific highway, these being through cars for the most part. Of these cars, 226 were Oregon cars and 583 non-resident.

Of the cars that passed over the Pacific highway south of town, 894 cars bore Oregon licenses and 850 had non-resident licenses. Fifty-one horse-drawn vehicles passed. The heaviest traffic was between 5 and 6 o'clock for all points and all manner of traffic. There were 78 cars that turned off to the Redwood highway from the Pacific highway without coming on in to Grants Pass.

### WHEAT STORAGE WORKS OUT

Plan To Finance Farmers Successful Says Federation

Chicago, July 21.—(A. P.)—The American Farm Bureau Federation announced today that information from Kansas City indicated its plan for the storage of 200,000,000 bushels of wheat on farms and financing it with money borrowed under the new intermediate credit act is already working out. Offerings of wheat "to arrive" have begun to fall off.

### REAL ESTATE HEAD ELECTED

F. S. Barrett, of Spokane, Is Named President for Next Year

Portland, July 21.—(A. P.)—F. S. Barrett, of Spokane, was elected today as president of the Northwest Real Estate Association. John H. Marfels, of Portland, is vice president for Oregon. W. A. Barnes, of Tacoma, vice president for Washington. L. S. Weeks, of LaGrande, H. E. Walters, of Corvallis and Harold Junk, of Portland, are directors for Oregon. Yakima gets the next convention.

### PUGET SOUND CITIES SEEK RATE PARITY

HEARING WANTED TO END THAT GRAIN RATES AGAIN BE ESTABLISHED

### TEN REASONS ARE SET FORTH

1000 Farmers of Snake River Territory File Petition With Interstate Commerce Commission

Olympia, Wash., July 21.—(A. P.)—A petition for a rehearing in the grain rate differential case to the end that a parity in grain and class rates may be restored between south of Snake River territory and Puget Sound cities and Portland, was entered today by the state department of public works, setting forth 10 reasons. A petition to this effect, bearing the names of 1,000 farmers in the Snake River territory was filed with the interstate commerce commission a few days ago.

Among the reasons advanced by the department is the increasing dissatisfaction of producers in the locality affected; that two years of experience with the differential has demonstrated its failure to produce the results anticipated; that railroads are not in competition; that a parity existed for all other parts of the Inland Empire; that there are no comparative markets; that other rail adjustments would be required north of the Snake river; that the Puget Sound buyers have withdrawn their agencies south of the Snake; that Portland is handling more grain than all of the Puget Sound cities, and that when Portland storage facilities are at capacity, the territory south of the Snake river is without a market.

### SCIENCE SHOWS CROPS REGULATED BY LIGHT

London, July 21.—(I. N. S.)—Science will soon be able to control fruit crops, and strawberries at Christmastide may not be an unknown thing, if a discovery of two London fruit merchants materializes. It has been ascertained by them that their ruiting and flowering of plants is controlled by the length of the period of daylight, and that only when this period is exactly right do flowers and fruit appear. Based on this discovery, a great many experiments were carried out under "artificial sunlight," which gives results similar to genuine sunlight. Results obtained have given rise to the belief that it will be possible under this system to produce flowers and fruit at any season of the year.

### ASHLAND PEOPLE HAVE PICNIC

Large Delegation Comes to Riverside for Get-together

Quite a large delegation of the Ashland lodge of Brotherhood of Railway Mail Clerks, an international organization, motored to Grants Pass Friday evening and held a get-together meeting at Riverside park.

They had asked the Medford and also the Grants Pass lodge to meet with them but for some reason neither of these were represented.

After the meeting they retired to the Acme cafe for dinner after which there were some very interesting talks by various members of the lodge. Several of the members were accompanied by their wives. Those present were: Miss Lenore Morgan, Miss Ruth York, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hood, Elizabeth Edwards, A. T. Edwards, Harold J. Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Humphrey, Francis Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stidham, Earl Constable, Mrs. C. M. Constable, W. L. Lamport, J. G. Bibby, Mr. and Mrs. Phil A. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harris, Edward P. Spencer, R. G. Stein, Eva H. Achert, and A. M. Arnold.

### GRANGE PICNIC DRAWS CROWD AT RIVERSIDE

MANY FARMERS SPEND DAY ENJOYING SPORTS AND MUSICAL PROGRAM

### GOVERNOR PIERCE IS SPEAKER

Promises Paved Road to Coast in Five Years—Day Ends With Dance at Fair Grounds

Grangers of Josephine county made merry all day yesterday at Riverside park at their annual picnic. The farmers started arriving early in the morning and before time for the picnic dinner at noon, about 400 were assembled. Sports, music and a talk by Governor Walter M. Pierce occupied the greater part of the day, with a second picnic dinner in the evening before the weekly band concert of the Grants Pass concert band.

In the forenoon a musical program was given, with orchestra and vocal selections being rendered. The audience joined in several numbers. Following this, the tables were covered with the food provided by the grange members and everybody sat down to a huge meal. In the tug of war which immediately preceded the meal, the Rogue River and Fruitdale granges found that each organization was a match for the other and as the event was a tie, the prizes were distributed to the two.

Governor Pierce spent the entire day at the park getting acquainted with the farmers. He spoke at 2 o'clock to a large audience, the stores having closed in Grants Pass to allow the employees and the employers to hear what the governor had to say. He spoke chiefly on taxation problems but also dwelt to some extent on the building of the Redwood highway to Crescent City. He declared that this highway would

### JACOBS IS ACQUITTED IN MANN MURDER CASE

San Diego, July 21.—(A. P.)—Dr. Louis L. Jacobs, charged with the murder of Miss Fritzie Mann, a dancer, last January, was acquitted by a jury here today.

### MEN WANTED IN NAVY FOR OFFICER TRAINING

Portland, Ore., July 21.—(Special)—Continued shortage of officers in the navy has led officials of the navy department to make special efforts to increase the number of enlisted men for entrance to the naval academy and for graduation from them as officers, stated Lieutenant Commander Daniel E. Barbey, naval recruiting representative for the Portland district.

The law authorizes the appointment annually of one hundred enlisted men to the naval academy and all commanding officers of ships are being urged to form classes under competent instructors to prepare any applicants who have the necessary qualifications.

### FARMER KILLED WHEN PLOW HITS APPENDIX

Oconto, Wis., July 21.—(I. N. S.)—Alfred Nelson, 40, prosperous farmer, of this community, was almost instantly killed when his appendix burst after a plow handle struck him in the side. Physicians who examined him said he had been suffering from chronic appendicitis for many years, although he was unaware of his ailment.

### INVASION OF WOBBLIES OFF

Only Three Industrial Workers Entered Port Arthur During Week

Port Arthur, Tex., July 21.—(A. P.)—The invasion of Port Arthur by the Industrial Workers of the World to all outward appearances has been called off outside of the three of the advance guard who arrived early in the week. None of the army has come.

### HARDING REFUSES TO SCARE

President Will Not Call Special Session of Congress

Aboard the Transport Henderson, July 21.—(A. P.)—President Harding has no intention of calling congress into a session in advance of the regular meeting in December, according to members of his party who reflect his views. They say the president feels there is little or no need for the immediate assembling of congress and furthermore that leaders in congress and the public generally believe the country is benefitting by the current recess.

be paved in five years, through the automobile license fees and the money collected from the state gasoline tax. He also recommended that the farmers back the income tax measure at the election this fall as it meant less tax burden for the farmer. He promised, while here, that he would be here one day during the Josephine County Fair in September.

Following the governor's talk, sports occupied the afternoon. Foot and swimming races were held and prizes, donated by merchants of Grants Pass, were given the winners. A baseball game, between the Grants Pass locals and the team from the Standard Oil company, was played at the ball park. The game resulted in a 9-3 victory for the locals. The sports committee states that thanks are due to the locals, through the manager, A. C. Hoffman, and to the Standard Oil players for helping to provide entertainment for the day.

In the evening the band concert was enjoyed, after which the farmers attended the dance at the fair grounds pavilion. The concessions and dance netted the grangers over \$50 after all expenses for the day had been paid.

### ORIOLE GOLD MINE IS SOLD TO ALASKANS

ALMEDA PROPERTY IS TAKEN OVER TODAY BY BIG INTERESTS

### HARRY SORDY PUT IN CHARGE

Names of Purchasers Not Revealed But Statement Made That Work Will Start Immediately

One of the biggest mining deals completed recently in Josephine county was closed this morning when the Oriole gold mine at Almeda, was transferred to certain Alaskan mining interests. The mine was purchased in the name of Harry Sordy, Galice mining man, but it is well understood that he has big interests behind him, the identity of which has not been disclosed. Mr. Sordy, a mining man of wide experience, will have active charge over the property and will start operations immediately, looking toward the opening up of the large ore bodies which are known to be in the mine.

At present it will be impossible to do any actual mining as the property has been held up by litigation since 1909. The tunnels have begun to cave and retimbering will be necessary, only a small crew being able to start on this work. The mining men purchased the mine on the reputation of Mr. Sordy and on the records of the past achievements of the

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### MEDFORD PLANNING PAGEANT

Operatic Affair Given Next Week at Jackson Fair Grounds

All arrangements are now completed for the Rogue River Valley Pageant, to be given the evenings of July 26-27th, on the Fair Grounds at Medford. A company of 200 and a large orchestra has been assembled and has been in rehearsal for several weeks past and even at this early date the performance is ready to go on. A crew of men have been working on the out-door stage for some time, and are transforming the ground in front of the grandstand into a regular fairy land. Of course the trees and shrubbery will be set the last thing so they will not look wilted the two nights of the performance. A large fountain 18 feet high is being built in the back-center of the back ground. The fairy castle on the left, and a clump of flowering trees on the right.

The dancers, 75 in number, are under the direction of Miss Helen Rudolph, a professional ballet mistress of unusual ability. This performance is not alone a Medford affair, performers from all parts of the valley are taking part. The sale of seats has already commenced and indications are that the fair association will have to build additional seats to accommodate the crowd. Seats can be reserved by mail or wife at the Chamber of Commerce, Medford.

### BASEBALL SCORES

	National
Cincinnati	10
Brooklyn	6
Cincinnati	2
Brooklyn	5
Pittsburgh	14
Boston	4
Chicago	4
Philadelphia	17
American	
Boston	1
Chicago	8

### Editor Describes Climb to Top of Mt. Hood

Editors of State Make Trip With Hood River Post of American Legion—Report Big Time—Several Hundred Present—Trip up to Summit Full of Events

By A. E. Voorhies

Country newspaper men from all parts of the state gathered at Hood River last Friday, some of them with the sole purpose of talking shop, others with the idea of seeing the Hood River valley and still others lured by the prospect of scaling the heights of Oregon's monarch mountain, Hood. None were disappointed. There was variety for all. The newspaper men held two meetings each year, a spring meeting with the University of Oregon School of Journalism at Eugene, which is strictly business, and the mid-summer meeting, which is more of a pleasure jaunt, although much business is taken up at this meeting.

Hood River had been looking forward to entertaining the newspaper people and they had made ample preparations, but much of the possible value of the visit was nearly missed by the action of a local traffic officer who tagged the machines of the visiting editors which had been parked in front of the hall in which the meetings were held. Representatives of the local papers heard of the action and they gathered in the tags and took them to the local judge who simply tore them up, thus closing an embarrassing incident.

Hood River people gave the visitors glimpses of the orchards which have done so much to advertise Oregon, showed them the big power dam and irrigation system, the packing plants and other industries, and at the close of a busy day were

hosts at a sumptuous banquet at the Columbia Gorge hotel, the famous tourist hotel located a mile or two from the city.

Saturday morning an early start was made for the American Legion camp on the slopes of Mount Hood, some driving their own cars, others going in passenger trucks nearly all of them dressed in hiking togs to make the two mile hike from the end of the road to the camp, for the final session of the editorial meeting.

This two mile hike, over a dusty pack trail, all up grade, in the hot sun was a test which might in a measure prepare one for the more strenuous trip of the following day. At any rate, it was a hard trip to those unaccustomed to hiking and signs of extreme fatigue were noticeable on the faces and in the actions of many.

Dinner in camp was a novelty for many, but no dinner ever tasted so good as this one, following the hot, dusty hike on the two mile up grade. Each one was given an army mess kit and taught how to hold their plates for convenience and ease in operation. Each person was given a generous helping of Hood River's logan berry jam, heat, potatoes, bread and butter crackers, vegetable soup, and coffee. And if they wanted more there was plenty. A glance at the stores was illuminating. There were 60 gallons of jam, eight or ten cases of eggs, many hams, two quarters of beef packed in the snow a

few feet from the outdoor kitchen, sacks and sacks of potatoes, several hundred loaves of bread, and like quantities of other supplies. The supplies, together with personal baggage made up over 70 loads for pack horses. There were four meals at the camp, besides a lunch issued to the climbers.

At the camp we were guests of the Hood River American Legion, which has taken as its job the conducting of an annual Mount Hood climb, to popularize this natural beauty section, and to secure federal aid for the building of an auto road to Cooper spur, 8,000 feet elevation, from which a wonderful view of the surrounding country may be had and from which point a start for the real ascent of Hood may be made.

In the afternoon, gathered about on a sloping bank facing the Sand canyon, through which ran the ice cold waters from the melting snows of Mt. Hood, the newspaper men held their concluding meeting, elected officers and voted to meet at Tillamook in 1924, although other cities were active in their efforts to secure the convention. Incidentally I learned that Grants Pass as a convention city is gaining fame, with the Caves as an alluring side trip. The newspaper people could probably be induced to come to Southern Oregon in 1925.

Legion members, in their talk to the editors gathered about a camp fire, in the evening, pointed out the

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