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July 1, 1904

The people of Union county are anxiously awaiting the trial trip of the flying machine that is being invented by Grant Kees of Elgin. Mr. Kees has been at work on this aeroplane for some months, and has it now so far put together that he has been able to move it to La Grande and has placed it 100 feet in the air at Morgan lake, three miles from the city. He is waiting his propelling machine which he expects to arrive at any time from Massachusetts, before making the final test.

Charles Garrett, the new night watch, goes on police duty tonight. Mr. Garrett has filled the position before and did it with satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dickenson and daughter Ruth left this morning for Camas Prairie, where for two weeks they will recreate and visit with friends and relatives.

S. C. Stanton, John Stanton and Frank Rainville have returned from a fishing trip to the Umatilla. Mr. Stanton stood the trip very well and enjoyed the outing.

Postmaster Githens yesterday moved his family into one of the Kilgore houses in the south part of town. Mrs. Gay Clark and family moved into the house on Fifth street vacated by Mr. Githens.

The "Hard Times" social tonight will be the event of the season. The costumes will be fearfully and wonderfully made. All persons wearing jewelry or good cloths will be fined Admission 15 cents, supper fee.

Everybody in the United States will celebrate the grand and glorious Fourth, the newspaper fraternity not excepted. Athena will have a two-day celebration and in honor of the occasion the Press will not be issued Tuesday. Stick this in your hat. Keep cool and don't bother the postmaster on Tuesday for a Press, for there'll be none in the office. Take a glass of lemonade and be merry. Tomorrow Mitt Bush will bring over the big canvass and seats from Weston, to be used in the arbor for Athena's celebration.

Born, Thursday, June 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGrath, twins; a boy and a girl.

Charles Norris is home for a few days from the Walla Walla hospital.

Dr. Botkin will go to Pendleton this evening to assist Dr. Cole in a surgical operation.

Charles Gay, Clyde Willaby and Otho Reeder have returned from a fishing trip to the Umatilla.

Mrs. E. R. Cox, whose condition is reported serious, is again in the Walla Walla hospital.

Miss Bertha Baker is down from her mountain school near Meacham, to spend the Fourth.

Mrs. Henry Lloyd, who has been ill for some time, and is now in a Walla Walla hospital, is reported better.

Hamp Booher has gone to the Duff springs, where he will try the medicinal properties of the waters at that resort, for rheumatism.

Professor George B. Marquis and family are moving into one of the cottages on Jefferson street, near Mrs. Frakes' residence.

Ed Foster, clerk in E. Manasse's store, left yesterday morning for a recreation trip on the Umatilla river.

### NEW WHEAT INTRODUCED

After experimenting five years L. T. Powers, a farmer of Lower Wallowa valley section, has produced a new variety of wheat, which he claims is adaptable for either spring or fall planting. It is a cross of Federation and the hard bearded varieties. Mr. Powers has named it Wallowa. It has a tendency to shatter easily. Mr. Powers is now engaged in crossing this new variety with the Bart, a bearded variety. From results already obtained he is satisfied that he has obtained a permanent type. The new variety is said to be much harder than the Federation.

### WHEAT BURNED

More than 600 acres of wheat and an equal or greater amount of pasture land in the Petersburg district, five miles southeast of The Dalles, was burned over Saturday afternoon in one of the worst grain fires Washington county has experienced in years. The loss was estimated at between \$35,000 and \$45,000, largely covered by insurance.

### MacLAUGHLIN COACH

Earl Greene, new coach at MacLaughlin high school, has been at Milton, looking over the athletic prospects of the school for the coming year. For three years Greene was coach at Albany college, where he turned some winning teams.

### HIGHWAY OILED

Oiling of the Old Oregon trail between North Powder and La Grande is now virtually complete and oiling will start very soon between North Powder and Baker, also between Baker and Durkee.

### KIDNAPED WIFE GIVEN DIVORCE FROM KIDNAPPER

A Yakima special says: Kidnaped when she was 13 years old by a man 47 years old, who forced her to live with him and did not marry her until a month before her baby was born in November, 1925, Mrs. Ruth Connell, age 16 years, was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Judge V. O. Nicholson, at Yakima.

Mrs. Connell, a former Yakima school girl, testified the defendant, John G. Connell, took her away from her home three years ago to Walla Walla, where they lived for some time. She said that he promised to permit her to attend school, but failed to live up to his word.

She claimed Connell became cruel to her, watched her every move and virtually kept her a prisoner. She ran away from him last month, bringing her baby with her to Yakima. Connell, who resides in Umatilla county, Oregon did not contest the suit.

### NEW RIDIT WHEAT

Monday, says the Freewater Times, County Agent Bennion inspected two fields of Ridit being grown by M. O. and Dean Beauchamp. These fields are sufficiently pure to pass the Oregon requirements for certification. The Beauchamp's have the distinction of growing the first fields of Ridit in Umatilla county. Ridit is a smut resistant wheat which can be planted without treating and thus eliminating a big loss which is sustained annually. The variety was developed by Dr. E. G. Gaines of Washington State college and is being distributed quite widely throughout the state of Washington.

### SELL NEW WHEAT

Walla Walla county farmers have sold something like 250,000 bushels of new wheat at around \$1.25 a bushel, based on number one club, reports the Union. Farmers also have been disposing of old wheat, and about an equal amount has been turned into cash at about the same price in the last few days. Contracting of new wheat is the usual practice about this time of year, say dealers.

### HIT AND RUN DRIVER

The hit and run coward made his appearance for the first time on the highway between here and Pendleton, when he knocked a car off the bridge west of Saxe Station. Four men, including Bob Nemier, the driver, were hurled from the bridge into the dry creek below, and all were bruised. The hit and run fiend after causing the wreck, kept going.

### BINGHAM SPRINGS

Bingham Springs offers special inducements over the Fourth of July to recreators and pleasure seekers. Bathing, picnicking, fishing and dancing will claim the attention of large crowds of visitors to the Springs, July 3, 4 and 5. The Fletcher orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for the dances.

### BRIDGE WILL BE REBUILT

The wooden bridge spanning the Walla Walla river three miles from Wallulu will be rebuilt at once. This bridge, a link in the Inland Empire highway, was burned Saturday night when sparks from a brush fire started by section men ignited the structure.

### FARM RELIEF LEGISLATION NOW THROWN OVERBOARD

All farm relief legislation was thrown overboard when the senate rejected the Foss bill, advocated by President Coolidge, by a vote of 26 to 54.

Thereupon the senate passed the house bill to stimulate co-operative marketing of farm products by establishing a co-operative marketing division of the department of agriculture.

A mighty struggle over farm relief legislation, involving also momentous political consideration pertaining to the congressional elections this year and the presidential election of 1928, is in progress.

Administration leaders are striving by persuasion and offers of compromise to win sufficient votes in the senate to pass the administration solution of the agricultural problem represented by the Foss bill in the senate and the Tincher bill in the house. They were confident that if they succeeded the incipient republican revolt in the middle west would be allayed and that President Coolidge would recover any loss of prest-

ige in the corn belt due to his opposition of the Haugen bill to enhance the prices of farm products on the American market. As matters stand the only cloud perceived on the horizon by those deeply interested in the nomination of Mr. Coolidge in 1928 was the disaffection in the republican agricultural states of the west.

The American Farm Bureau federation and the corn belt lobby headed by George N. Peek of Illinois, are working tooth and nail to beat the Foss bill and any other substitute for the Haugen price-raising measure defeated in the senate and previously in the house. Unable to get the legislation they wanted, the corn belt forces refused to compromise, preferring no legislation to measures they condemned to carry their cause to the people in the November election of the next congress and in the election of a president in 1928.

Slamming back at Peek and the Farm Bureau federation, administration leaders accused them of adopting a rule or ruin policy in the interest of the nomination of ex-Governor Lowden or Vice-President Dawes for republican candidate for president two years hence.

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