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## WASHINGTON-IDAHO SEED COMPANY WILL OPERATE NEW PLANT IN ATHENA

### Enterprise Will Give Employment to Over Forty Women and Girls.

Manager Sloan of the Washington-Idaho seed company has completed arrangements for establishing a seed pea cleaning and grading plant in Athens. It will be located in the big warehouse building, adjoining the Tum-A-Lum Lumber yard on the west, adjacent to the Union Pacific tracks.

Workers will begin at once to make satisfactory alterations in the building for early installation of the machinery and equipment. The building will be heated by steam and the best of sanitary conditions will prevail. The plant will have sufficient capacity to take care of the pea crop produced in the Athens territory as well as the product from the company's pea acreage in the Palouse and Bonners Ferry, Idaho, districts, where the company has been operating for some time. The Palouse and Bonners Ferry crops will be shipped direct to the Athens plant for cleaning and sorting.

Mr. Sloan informs the Press that the Athens plant will give employment to over forty women and girls through the fall and early winter months, and he expects to have the new enterprise in operation about September 1.

### World Grain Situation Will Be Reviewed at Pendleton Meet Tomorrow

Oregon State College.—Both the world wheat situation and that of Oregon and Washington will be included in the discussions of the public meeting of wheat growers in Pendleton August 9, according to the detailed program for the gathering just completed here by the extension service.

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and Chairman Legge of the farm board will both speak in the afternoon following a preliminary meeting before lunch to be presided over by President W. J. Kerr of Oregon State college.

Nils Olsen, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, will give latest information on the present world wheat situation and outlook, after which a representative of Washington State college will discuss the situation in his state.

G. R. Hyslop, head of the farm crops department here, will speak on the Oregon situation, reviewing the economic work in wheat production already done in this state as well as crop investigations showing the difficulty of using substitute crops.

Secretary Hyde will be the first speaker in the afternoon, leaving Chairman Legge the final position on the program. Opportunity for addresses will be given following the addresses.

The program follows:  
10:30—Call to order and introductory remarks, President W. J. Kerr, Oregon State college.

10:40—"The World Wheat Situation," Nils Olsen, chief of bureau of agricultural economics.

11:40—"The Situation in Washington," by a representative of Washington State college.

12—"The Situation in Oregon," G. R. Hyslop, Oregon State college.

1:30—Address, Arthur M. Hyde, secretary United States department of agriculture.

Address, Alexander Legge, chairman of federal farm board.

### Metschan Wants Government To Develop Project

Portland.—Development of the Umatilla rapids for power and irrigation by the federal government should be urged upon congress without delay by Oregon and Washington, Phil Metschan, republican candidate for governor, declared in the first public statement dealing with state politics issued since his nomination.

He said that if elected governor he would ask the legislature to enter into a compact with Washington state for a division of the power and water, and that he would recommend that a delegation be sent to the national capital to work for an appropriation for the project.

He pointed out that the development of the project by the state would require taxes, holding that it should be undertaken by the federal government under the same conditions that it is building Boulder dam on the Colorado river.

"Because of its magnitude and because of the rights involved, development of the immense hydro-electric possibilities of the Columbia river at the Umatilla rapids is essentially a federal project," his statement reads. "It has had my active and wholehearted support. Much preliminary work is necessary for the undertaking, but enough work has been done to enable me to say that the site is the most feasible one that could be selected."

### To Keep Him Out of Mischievous, Boy Tends a Still

Kelso, Wash.—A father who had his 14-year-old son tending a still to keep the youth "out of mischief," was in jail here this week.

B. Martin, the father, told Sheriff Dill "there are so many things a young fellow is liable to get mixed up in nowadays."

After being arrested Martin reproved his son for not being on the "lookout."

"If you had been on the job there," he told the boy, "we could have seen the officers coming and everything would be all right."

The boy was placed in custody of juvenile authorities.

### Pendleton Wheat Held

Pendleton.—Little wheat is moving locally with the rise in Chicago prices. Growers are holding with hopes of higher prices and also to take advantage of the slash in freight rates effective in October. Prior to this week from 50,000 to 100,000 bushels of wheat were moving through here daily.

### In Family Graduation at U. of O.



Above, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nelson; below Renee Grayce Nelson, who graduated together from the University of Oregon with the class of 1930. Earl Nelson and Renee Grayce Nelson are the children of Mrs. C. W. Nelson, of Eugene. Mrs. Earl Nelson (Irene Bowlesby) has been one of the most popular young women on the campus.

### Hoover Plans To Aid Mid-West Drouth-Hit Farmers, In Distress

Washington.—President Hoover announced that no stone would be left unturned by the government in its efforts to assist in relieving distress caused by the unprecedented drought. The seriousness of the situation in a wide area east of the Mississippi in the middle west has been the subject of conferences between Mr. Hoover and Secretary Hyde.

The result was an order to make a detailed survey by the department of agriculture which will have a report next Monday.

Farmers throughout the grain belt have begun to feed their wheat to the hogs and to cut it for hay, reports to the grain trade indicated and Chicago hailed the news as an indication that old Sol is having his turn at producing some farm relief.

To the officers of the government-sponsored Farmers' National Grain Corporation, came a report that in sections of Montana wheat fields were being bought up to be cut for hay, where the hay fields and pastures have been burned out.

The loss to the corn crop from drought during July has been estimated by grain brokers at about 400,000 bushels.

### Possible Snake River Unit In Columbia Basin Scheme

There are possibilities of breaking the Columbia river basin irrigation project into smaller units, according to Congressman John W. Summers who recently returned from the inspection trip made over the week-end by Dr. Elwood Mead, director of reclamation, and his party. This possibility was especially studied by the group, Dr. Summers stated to the Walls Walla Union.

It is proposed that a dam of 30 feet be constructed five miles above the conjunction of the Snake river with the Columbia on the former stream. This would generate enough power to pump water on the lands of western Walla Walla county and the Eureka flat district as well as to Franklin county back of Pasco. This would constitute a 90,000 acre project. Congressman Summers said that he received assurances from both Director Mead and Chief Engineer Walter that they would consider the possibility and worth of the project.

Dr. Summers will rejoin the Federal party at Yakima.

### Holder His Own

Billy Pinkerton, member of the water committee, is having a hard time in pumping sufficient water in the reservoir to supply water for one hour's daily irrigating without encroaching upon the reserve for fire hazard. He barely has enough to go round as the well supplies at this time only a three hour pumping period and the supply from the springs is negligible. Mr. Pinkerton will look after the water supply until Water Superintendent Miller comes back on the job, probably next week.

### Building Lookout Tower

A glass enclosure atop a tower is being built at Tollgate to facilitate the locating of fires in the Blue Mountains, east of Athens.

## BAILEY IS AGAINST WATER GRABBING

### Democratic Candidate For Governor Favors Enactment of Measure.

Eugene.—The next legislature should enact a law withdrawing all Oregon waters from appropriation, and should provide for the appointment of a commission having as one of its duties the survey of the power possibilities of the state, with authority to designate the waters which would be feasible for public development and never allow private agencies to obtain vested interests in them.

That was the declaration at a meeting of organized labor here Tuesday night by Senator ("Big Ed") Bailey, Democratic nominee for governor, in outlining his position on power development in Oregon.

The sooner Oregon waters are withdrawn from private exploitation, he said, the better it will be, for then the public will have a chance to check its own power assets, and preserve them for all time.

"We must not allow selfish private interests to get a strangle hold on them," asserted the Democratic nominee. "The legislature should see to this."

"Development of the Columbia should be by the federal government," he said. "Costs will be large, and the state of Oregon, even if it had the right, would not be able to handle it alone. Too, interstate and international problems are encountered on the Columbia, and it presents problems in the development of irrigation and navigation, as well as power. Good progress has been made on the Umatilla Rapids project, and this project should be first considered."

"Municipal ownership and operation of light and power plants should be encouraged wherever practicable. The municipally owned plant here in Eugene is a shining example of what such an enterprise should be."

Senator Bailey also urged adoption of the income tax to relieve the load on owners of homes and farms; a change in the personnel of the public service commission, so that it would better serve the public it was designed to protect, and strict enforcement of the tax uniformity and equalization laws.

"I will strive, when governor, to obtain all state revenues from other sources than homes and farms," he said.

### Electrical Disturbance Causes Devastating Storm

The electric storm which originated in the Blue Mountains south and east of Athens early Monday morning swept into the Grangeville, Idaho, country where it assumed proportions of a hurricane. Here only a slight trace of rain fell, but Walla Walla experienced a heavy shower.

Farmers in a 60-square mile path of the Camas Prairie wheat country faced possible loss of \$300,000 from the freak storm.

Hailstones as large as walnuts, hurricane-like wind and searing lightning beat down wheat, knocked a man unconscious, killed a horse and set three fields afire.

Traveling eastward, the storm came out of a murky sky, mixing hailstones, wind and lightning in a furious onslaught. Windows in houses were broken and wheat was leveled by the wind. Trees and telephone lines were blown down. Three wheat fields were fired by lightning.

Farmers estimated from 90 to 100 per cent of the winter wheat crop, just awaiting harvest, was destroyed with the total for other varieties from 50 to 85 per cent. Estimates based on below average return for the acres devastated placed in the damage at more than a quarter of a million dollars.

### Politics At Boiling Point

August will see Illinois launch an epic in politics—the campaign between Ruth Hanna McCormick and James Hamilton Lewis for a seat in the United States senate. The eyes of a nation will turn toward that prairie state to watch the struggle between the courtly former senator and a woman. The campaign will be touched off at the state party conventions in Springfield, the democrats on August 20 and the republicans on August 22.

### Portland Man Drowned

The body of Joseph C. Wicks, supervisor of the Safeway Stores in Portland, who was drowned late Saturday when attempting to ride a log over the "Shut in" rapids of the Crooked river gorge, was recovered from a deep hole in the stream one mile above the Cove power plant. The body was removed from the gorge over a tortuous trail.

### Demand For Rooms

The demand for rooms for visitors during the annual Pendleton Round-Up is large this year and the accommodation bureau in charge of Wilson McNary of Pendleton is urging Pendletonians to list their rooms early.

### Harvesting Wheat Crop Verging On Close of a Perfect Harvest Season

Harvesting the 1930 wheat crop in the Athens district is verging on the close of a perfect cutting season. Weather conditions have been ideal and not an hour was lost on account of wind or rain.

A majority of the crews finished work this week and only a few machines will be in operation after the fore part of next week. The Farmers Elevator, where most of the grain was delivered in bulk this year, has been able to handle the largest volume of wheat since it has been in operation here.

Since the market advance of two cents Tuesday and four cents Wednesday, but little grain has been offered for sale. The Farmers Grain Elevator company bought 16,000 bushels at 75 cents. Approximately 40,000 bushels of wheat was sold here last week at prices ranging from 70 to 75 cents.

### Harvest Notes

The J. N. Scott crew smashed the record made by Henry Koepke last week for one day's delivery at the Farmers Elevator. Tuesday the Scott outfit turned in 47 truck loads, totalling 173,460 pounds, or 2,891 bushels. The record made by Koepke last week was 134,680 pounds, or 2,244 bushels. The Scott machine also holds the record for threshing the largest per acre yield of wheat, so far reported this harvest—the Sheldon Taylor field east of town, which averaged 62 bushels per acre.

The Flint Johns crew finished harvest on his "rawhide" place, Tuesday.

Zeph Lockwood has finished harvesting his wheat crop and stored the machine in the shed.

Wheat shipments are being made by the Farmers Grain Elevator company at the rate of about ten carsloads per day.

With the dwindling of the harvest season, the Farmers Elevator company received 289 truck loads of bulk grain, Tuesday.

### Silverton Legion Juniors Defeat Portland Team

Athens boys have been interested in the Legion state baseball series, which is sponsored by the American Legion and the major league baseball clubs of the nation to create interest in the game and develop professional players.

Tuesday Silverton's American Legion junior baseball team answered the victory cry of 2000 fans from its home town and smashed out six runs in the tenth inning and won the Oregon state championship with a 7-to-1 triumph over Edwards Furniture of Portland. Orville Schwab, brilliant southpaw pitcher, was the rock upon which Edwards' hopes floundered. His teammates backed him up with base hits and sparkling fielding plays. The two teams of 16-year-olds, though deadlocked, battled through nine thrilling innings, but a hurlers' battle between Schwab and Edwin Demcrest, Portland left-hander, broke up in the tenth when Demcrest began to tire. Silverton scored six times in the blaze of base hits off him and Bill Courtney and Dick Lassell, his successors.

Schwab was master of the game in every inning and lived up to his national records. He struck out 11 and was nicked for only six hits.

The youthful baseballers put on their big game before 3000 fans, almost 2000 of whom were from Silverton. The Silverton crowd was behind its junior nine and its cheers made the welkin ring when the Marion county team went wild in that final inning. The contest was hard played and the young players received a real tribute from Harry Williams, president of the Pacific Coast Baseball league, who said that it was one of the best games he had ever seen. "And that includes major league games," said Harry, as he watched the Silverton backers bound onto the diamond and grab their Oregon state championships.

Roy S. Keene, director of American Legion baseball in the northwest, announced that Silverton would compete in the regional finals at Baker, Or., from August 14 to 16, inclusive as Oregon state representative. Score: Silverton .....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 6—7 Edwards .....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

### Logs For Boxes

Pine logs are passing through Athens daily over the Union Pacific consigned to the Milton box factory. The logs are from the Gibbon district and are cut from the last growth of yellow pine timber in that part of the county. Some of the trees are cut on the precipitous sides of the Umatilla river and are transported to Gibbon station on auto trucks.

### Wild Goats Fled Flames

More than 100 wild goats have been driven down from the bluffs on Chopaka mountains in Washington by forest fires. The goats are protected. They are reported banded together on a small top of the mountain.

## NEW WHEAT RATE AFFECTS ATHENA

### Scale Reduces Price One Cent Per Hundred To Seattle and Portland.

Portland.—The full test of the Interstate Commerce Commission's wheat rate decision, comprising some 200 pages, has arrived at the office of Arthur M. Geary, who appeared in this case for the Farm Bureaus, Granges and Farmer Unions of Washington, Oregon and Idaho and the Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

The present rate upon grain from Athens to Seattle, 20.5 cents per hundred pounds, has been reduced to 19.5 cents, and the present rate to Portland, 18.5 cents, has been reduced to 17.5 cents. The Commission's order is effective October 1st. The rates upon wheat, rye, barley, oats and flour will be the same under this new scale. Also, the grain can be stopped for processing in transit, over reasonably direct routes, twice without extra charge.

In this case the farm organizations sought reductions to the basis that the Canadian growers pay over the privately owned and operated Canadian Pacific Railway. The reductions of the grain rates, although substantial from many points, still leave the grain growers paying considerably higher rates on their export grain, distance considered, than do the Canadian growers. The farm leaders are hopeful that in the present depression the railroads will voluntarily grant export rates that will do away with this inequality.

Two Hangings Scheduled  
Two hangings are scheduled to be held at the Walla Walla penitentiary this month. A week from today Robert Lee Wilkins is under sentence to be executed for the murder of Attorney John W. Brooks in Walla Walla and on August 29 Arthur Schaefer, Shelton logger, is to die for murder.

Bogus Money Passed  
Several bogus \$10 bills raised from ones are in the hands of Pendleton merchants following a visit Tuesday by three men reported to be ex-convicts, one an expert penman. The trio is said to be traveling in the Columbia River country and is heavily armed.

### U. S. Claims Boys and Girls Over Century Mark

New York.—The arrival here of Zora Agha, the Turk who claims he has seen 156 years roll by, has concentrated attention on the fact that the United States has a few boys and girls of its own who are more than a hundred years of age.

The most active and possibly the most famous of all these is John R. Voorhis, president of the New York City Board of Elections, and the Grand Sacehm of Tammany Hall. He just passed his 101st birthday.

This hardy century-plant of American politics today performs his official duties with the same vigor and co-ordination that has always characterized his work.

Last year when Mr. Voorhis reached his 100th year of existence on this troubled planet, all New York paid honor to their "Grand Old Man," and crowded his office with gifts and floral horseshoes.

This year, his friends wished to stage a similar celebration, but Mr. Voorhis said the annual hauling of his birthday was becoming monotonous. "Last year," he told interviewers, "I lasted three days, wore me out, and lodged the routine of my office."

On his 101st birthday, John Voorhis dropped his work for a day and a half. The following morning he was back at his desk precisely at nine o'clock.

In public office for fifty-seven years, Mr. Voorhis still walks from his home to the subway each day. Unlike other men who have passed their prime, he thinks that most things are as good today as they have ever been.

Another living century-old celebrity is "Mother Jones," the labor organizer who led the sweating sons of toil in many a campaign against their employers.

Dollar Corn Comes Back  
Dollar corn was restored to the black board on the Chicago board of trade Wednesday after an absence of a year as wave after wave of public buying orders came into the pit, and swept values up 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 to a new high for the season, with the September delivery selling up to \$10.15 and the May to \$10.24. Tremendous damage to the new corn crop, as shown by government and private reports were the basis for the wildest market with the "in" in many months.