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## DO NOT GRASP THE SITUATION

### No Wheat Man Represents That Product As Farm Board Member.

E. B. Aldrich, editor of the East Oregonian, writing in his paper on his return from Washington, where the Walla Walla plan was put up to the Farm Board, discloses that there is no practical wheat man sitting on the board to represent that important agricultural product. He says:  
"... The members of the board are fine men individually but there is not an outstanding businessman in the group and there is no wheat member on the board. We felt that handicapped. Wheat is the chief food crop of the nation and the product around which the agricultural battle has waged during the past 10 years but wheat is not represented on the farm board. The vegetable growers, the citrus fruit men, dairymen, livestock men, tobacco men and cotton growers are represented but wheat is not. For that situation the president is responsible for he names the farm board members.  
"Here is a point that will interest Charles Cook and others. At our final meeting last Wednesday, Mr. Denman, acting chairman that day, said, 'Now if the farmers would all just get together in the co-op we could do something' or words to that effect. I replied 'That is exactly what the Cook plan called for, a 90 per cent sign up but the farm board rejected it.'  
"To my surprise Mr. Denman said he had not heard of the Cook plan and did not know it had been considered yet he has been a member of the board from the start. What do you know about that?  
"The farm board members as I see it, assuming that they do their own thinking and are not subject to outside control, take a too narrow view of their duties. They do not grasp the possibilities open to them and do not realize the great opportunity they have to help win the war against hard times. They are a bit like a school teacher who is so busy trying to look nice she has no time to teach school."

**The Study Club**  
The second meeting for the year of the Study club was held Friday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Little hostess, with ten members present, as follows: Mrs. E. C. Rogers, Mrs. W. O. Read, Mrs. M. W. Hansell, Mrs. L. M. Keen, Mrs. M. M. Johns, Mrs. Stella Keen, Mrs. Fred Kershaw, Mrs. Lew McNair, Mrs. F. B. Boyd, Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton, Mrs. Little. Roll call was answered with quotations from poems mentioned in the lesson. Mrs. Hansell gave a comprehensive talk on Cambridge, Harvard University and literary and historic associations. Mrs. Rogers gave a short talk on Charleston, Plymouth and Salem. Mrs. W. O. Read will entertain the club next Friday afternoon, when the roll call will be again answered by quotations. Mrs. Rogers will give a paper on Concord, with facts about Thoreau, Emerson and Hawthorne's homes. Mrs. Boyd will take Whittier's country as a subject with William Lloyd Garrison and other contemporaries of the poet.

**Surprised Their Friends**  
Keeping their nuptials secret from relatives and friends, Miss Ada Calder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Calder, and Mr. Allen Kirkpatrick of Weston, made the announcement of their marriage which took place at Clarkston, Washington, August 29. The bridegroom is a son of Earl Kirkpatrick of Weston. Both are graduates of Weston high school and have been prominent in the younger set's social activities in the neighborhood. They have left Weston for California, where they may determine to reside.

**Body of Lost Man Found**  
Grants Pass.—The body of William Dahlberg, 82, who became lost Thursday of last week, when he separated from companions in the dense thickets of Deer creek valley, was found late Tuesday by Flora Baird, daughter of a Deer creek rancher. The girl found the body while looking for stock in a pasture. More than 100 men had sought Dahlberg since his disappearance, and it was discovered a posse had passed within 10 feet of the body four days before.

**Falling Temperature**  
With the mercury descending to 34 Tuesday night, tomato vines and garden truck in this part of the county were nipped by the first severe frost of the season. A dust storm prevailing here Sunday, indicated that more rain in the wheat belt would be needed before successful seeding operations could be put under way.

## "Lost" Mine of Little Applegate Has Been Found

Medford.—The long lost mine of the Little Applegate, sought so long that it has been believed a myth by many except old-time miners, has been reported located by four Medford men, who said they accidentally stumbled on it one day last week.

For nearly 60 years searching parties have attempted to locate the old mine. Hundreds of parties have scoured the district, but always without success, until Ralph Stillman, A. H. Tucker, A. H. Frederick and E. B. Tucker happened onto it by chance.

Nearly six decades ago an old miner, his name now forgotten, located the mine and made annual trips to Medford where he sold his precious gold dust and forwarded most of the money to his relatives in the East. According to the stories told, many men followed this grizzled veteran and attempted to find where he got the high paying ore, but he always succeeded in eluding them. He never disclosed the location.

Suddenly the old miner disappeared and since has never been heard from. Where he went or what happened to him has never been learned. Some years later his two sons from the East organized a searching party and attempted to locate the mine, but finally gave it up as a hopeless job, due to the wild country in the district.

The four local men, stumbling onto an old cabin about 80 miles from Medford, sought shelter there one night last week. They, too, had heard about the lost Applegate mine, but the thought did not occur to enter their heads that they had found the key to it, they said.

The roof of the log cabin had fallen in. Before the fireplace was a home-made chair, made of manzanita wood, in a fair state of preservation. Rats had gnawed a leather seat from it, but the wood was in good shape.

On the legs, the back and the arms of the chair, they declared, was the key to the lost mine, carved and inlaid with the Indian sign language. Among the carvings was a whiskey jug with several gold nuggets inlaid on it, a buffalo skull, a new moon, a snake, a frog, the head of a man and several other characters.

The discoverers, tracing these characters, said they learned where the mine location was—not far from the house. When they returned to Medford Wednesday they brought with them several samples of ore which they sent to Tacoma to be assayed. A report from the assayer Saturday revealed that the ore contained gold worth \$71 to the ton. They then announced their discovery.

### Six Hunters Are Fined In Doe Killing Case

Six deer hunters were fined \$100 and costs each, in Justice Berkeley's court at Pendleton Wednesday, in a case involving the alleged killing of a doe and a fawn near Bingham Springs. Those fined were Henry Arkell, George Miller, Joe Payne, Leon Miller, Claus Wisman and Pat Shaw. All paid their fines except Shaw.

According to Leon Miller's statement to The Press, his son "Bud" and Pat Shaw shot the doe, and the report that other members of the party pleaded guilty to participating in the killing, is not true. He says they were fined for eating the venison, and that the four of the party did not take part in killing the doe.

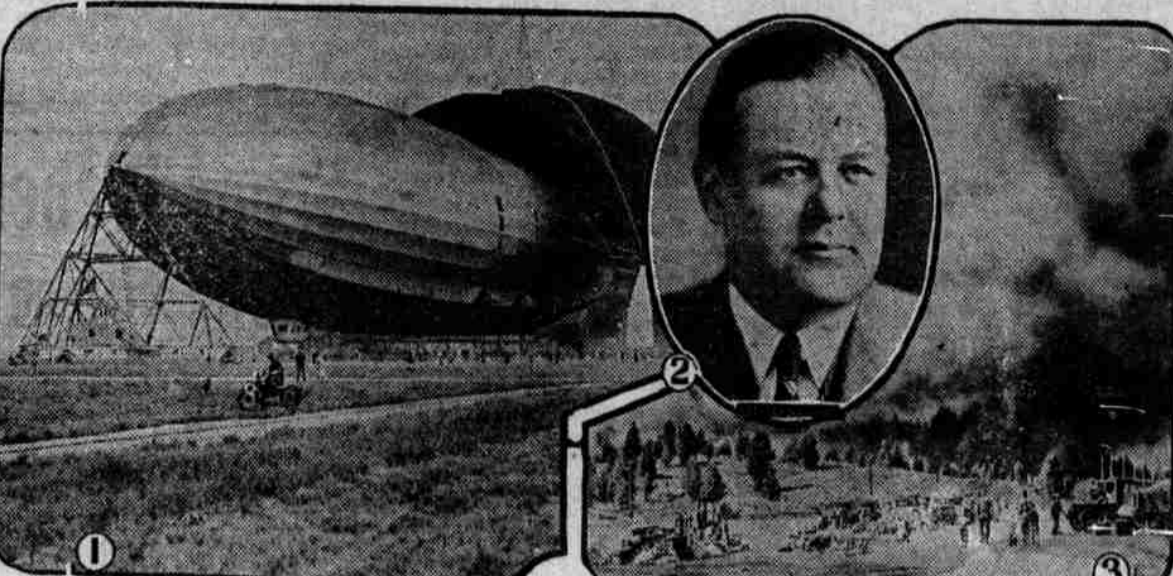
Miller stated that no member of the hunting party had anything whatever to do in connection with the killing of a fawn.

**Enjoyed Barbecue**  
An annual event anticipated with much pleasure and always fulfilling all expectations is the barbecue held at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gerking west of Athena. The affair this year was especially enjoyable due to the perfect weather and the splendid cooperation evidenced by the attendance of 144 guests, members and friends of the Christian Sunday school. Barbecued lamb was the "piece de resistance" supplemented by salads, sandwiches, pie and coffee. Games and music rounded out an evenings program thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

**Adams Community Dances**  
A group of Athena people attending the dance given by the Adams Community club Saturday night included, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Roseberry, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Swift, Garth Pinkerton, Lowell Jenkins, Solista Fickert, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith.

**Successful Fishing**  
Mrs. Arnold Wood, who is a member of a hunting party making headquarters at Bingham Springs is spending her time profitably with rod and line on the Umatilla river. Each day she is successful in bringing into camp a string of fish of which any nimrod might well be proud.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—U. S. S. Akron, the navy's huge dirigible, leaving its hangar for the first time, being taken for a "walk" by a ground crew of 250 men. 2—Martin Sennett Conner of Covington, Miss., known as "Sure Mike," who received the Democratic nomination for governor of Mississippi, equivalent to election. 3—Scene in Idaho where residents were fleeing before forest fires.

### Pendleton Plays Here Saturday, October Third

Coach Shepherd will bring his Pendleton Buckaroos here Saturday, October 3, for the first home game with Athena high school football team.

Pendleton has almost a new team this year and with a new man at its head, Athena chances of making a fair showing are considered good, for despite the one-sided score made in the Mac-Hi-Athena game last Friday, the local team out-played their heavier opponents throughout the entire first quarter of the contest and kept the ball in enemy territory.

Once on the one-yard line it looked like a touchdown for Athena, but a costly fumble muffed up the chance. After this critical stage of the game, lack of reserves to replace injured backfield men spelled disaster.

The Athena coach is building up reserves from light, inexperienced men, weighing less than 140 pounds and is depending on speed in place of brawn. Nevertheless he says he is prepared to let the Buckaroos know they have been in a game by the time the contest is over. A good attendance is wanted at this game, for no doubt it will be one of the best-played on the home grounds this year.

### Forest Fire Razes Town in California

Seven homes were destroyed in a fierce forest fire which razed the town of Comptche, 40 miles west of Ukiah, California late Wednesday.

Only the postoffice in the community was left standing as firefighters, hampered by a high wind and lack of water, fought the flames which raged over a 10-mile front, perilling Navarro and the entire Anderson valley.

Two schoolhouses east of Comptche were destroyed earlier in the day. Other fierce blazes were reported at Laytonville, Anchor Bay, Inglewood, Hopland, Big Creek, Porter Valley, Orr Springs and Fort Bragg.

A call for 500 men was sent to Ukiah as the flames swept toward Navarro.

The fires started in timber lands belonging to the Union and Albion Lumber companies. After burning over the cut-off lands the flames attacked stands of virgin timber and spread to the hills.

**Methodist Missionary Society**  
The Methodist Missionary Society met Wednesday afternoon at Mrs. Frank Little's home with twenty-four members and two visitors, Mrs. Fred Pittman and Mary Tompkins, present. An interesting and instructive program on child education was presented. During the business session a committee was appointed to assist the Athena relief committee as follows: Mrs. D. A. Lowe, Mrs. Frank Little, Mrs. Laura Froom. Donations may be left with Mrs. Froom at the Athena hotel.

A social hour was enjoyed when a committee consisting of Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. D. A. Lowe and Mrs. L. A. Cornell served delicious pumpkin pie and coffee. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. John Tompkins.

**Washington Democrats**  
More than 200 democrats from the twelve counties in the fourth congressional district in the state of Washington gathered at Walla Walla Wednesday, in the afternoon to hear reports from the state and county committeemen and committeewomen on the conditions of the party organization and in the evening to hear talks from a half dozen men who will probably seek both state and national offices in the election 1932.

**Bunny Takes a Ride**  
Ivan Ottoman received severe cuts about his eye when a rabbit changed its mind about crossing the highway near Klamath Falls and instead charged into the car. The rabbit leapt through the glass in the door. It was killed.

### Damage To Forests by Fire on Decrease 22,800 Acres Burned

A summary of fires in the national forest area of Oregon this year shows a total of 1958 as compared with 1331 in 1930, but the acreage burned this year was 22,800 as compared with 60,500 a year ago. The summary starts with the first recorded fires this year within the national forests and runs until September 20.

The largest area burned was in the Siskiyou forest, where the total was 22,300 acres. This included a large brush fire, according to John D. Guthrie, assistant district forester. The largest number of fires was recorded in the Umpqua forest, with 148. The Cascade forest had a more remarkable record, although there were 34 fires. None covered more than ten acres.

Man-caused fires greatly increased this year, Major Guthrie said. Smokers were responsible for 356 as compared with 260 last year; incendiary fires increased from 82 to 286, but campers caused but 187 blazes in 1931 as compared with 198 last year.

Fires caused by railroads also greatly decreased. In 1930 there were 82 and this year 40. Of this number 26 were in the Mount Hood national forest in the Columbia gorge.

Lightning fires dropped from 1236 in 1930 to 310 this year.

The value of the timber destroyed has not been computed by the forest service. This is usually not done until after the fire season and the rangers have a chance to get to it, and after two or three months the true loss can be better ascertained. Detailed reports on the damage is required only where the fire burns over an area of ten acres or more.

### Walter Bonifer of Gibbon at State Fair

Salem.—More than 100 head of rodeo horses including 40 of the announced "worst outlaws" in the Pacific northwest arrived here this week for the rodeo-buckaroo program, feature of the first three days of the Oregon state fair, starting Saturday.

Frank Studdin, world champion, Walt Bonifer of Pendleton, Slim Nichols of Condon, Glen Rutherford of Arlington, were among the favored contestants entered.

In addition the list of star performers includes Lloyd Saunders; Reba Roberts of California; Tex Covey, famous roper; and Rose Smith of Pendleton, woman champion trick rider.

### Fire Destroys Tent

The Weston Leader reports that Bill Catlin and Harry Sears employed with the county road crew near Weston lost their tent and practically all their bedding and clothing from a fire which occurred last week on a lot where they were encamped. The men were asleep when their tent caught fire from some unknown cause, and had time to save nothing.

### Lost Youth Found

Doran Rhoads, 15, was found by a searching party in thickly wooded hills near Klamath Falls Tuesday. He had been lost since Monday. He appeared to have suffered little from exposure. He became separated from his father while the two were hunting deer.

### Ancient Buggies

Forgotten transportation came to light at Salem with the start of a search by a former livery stable man, Bruno G. Boedigeheimer, for rigs to use in the old-fashioned buggy parade at the Oregon State Fair night horse-show.

### Apple Tree in Bloom

In the orchard of Charles Minna, west of Redmond, a large apple tree is full of blossoms and buds. The tree has matured a crop of apples this season.

### Michigan Youths Jailed

Harold Burr, Wesley Clark and Ward Jenkins, Michigan youths arrested by county officials on a gum machine stealing charge, were given 30 days in the county jail.

### Will Inspect School Buses

State police officials will inspect all buses used in the various counties for transportation of school pupils, Charles Pray, superintendent of state police, announces. The inspection will include the mechanical condition of the buses, whether the drivers are properly licensed, and if the cars are equipped with proper accessories.

## Portland Assured Legion Conven- tion Next Year

A Detroit special to the Morning Oregonian says that Portland will be the next national convention city of the American Legion.

The only city making a request for the session next year is Portland, so the Oregon metropolis will be reported out as the choice of the time and place committee. Failure of more than one city to bid for a national meeting of the legion is something unknown to previous American Legion conventions, there usually being not less than six active contenders.

Portland had no opposition solely because of the popularity of Oregon in the national organization, which had warned others that competition would be futile.

The motion that the reports of the committee recommended Portland be adopted were made by Alex G. Barry, department commander of Oregon and seconded by John Quinny of Los Angeles, past national commander of the legion, and president of a community which has made four successive campaigns for the national convention, and was expected to enter the lists this year.

Oregon's interest in the 1932 convention for a while precluded any leading part in the campaign for the next national commander of the legion.

### Sewing Committee Appointed

E. C. Rogers, local chairman of the organization for relief of the unemployed, has appointed Mrs. C. E. O. Montague chairman of a sewing committee, and she in turn has asked Mrs. D. A. Lowe and Mrs. Northrup to serve with her. This committee will appeal to clubs, churches and other organizations to donate clothes, material and services. Plans are being made to meet once a week to make garments for needy children in Athena and vicinity and it is hoped that a whole hearted interest will be shown by Athena citizens. Announcement of further plans will be made in next week's Press.

### White Men Chase Japs

Angry because Luther Harrell, operator of a 350-acre potato farm in the Kittitas valley near Ellensburg, imported Japanese potato pickers to harvest his crop, a crew of white men ran the Japanese off the Harrell ranch Monday. The whites told newspaper men there were a large number of unemployed married white men in the valley seeking work, and they did not intend to let Orientals take the jobs.

### Walla Walla Legion Assembling Food Stuffs

M. M. Richardson of the Legion Record, published at Walla Walla, chairman of the Legion Post committee of that city for relieving the unemployed and needy legion members there, was negotiating for a ton of white beans from producers in the Athena-Weston district, Wednesday. Mr. Richardson informed The Press that his committee has the preparatory work of assembling food for unemployed ex-service men, their families and ex-service men who may pass through Walla Walla during the fall and winter, well in hand.

Food of all sorts is being gathered by Mr. Richardson's committee, and he says his workers are meeting with generous response from the people of Walla Walla and vicinity.

### Disagreeable Dust Storm

Residents of Athena and vicinity experienced the visit of a most disagreeable dust storm Sunday. A cold west wind carrying dense clouds of dust forced motorists to use their lights in order to make any headway on the highways. Though the wind subsided Monday a pall of dust darkened the atmosphere settling late in the evening. Temperatures hovering around 32 degrees were noted Tuesday night and ice was formed at several points about town. "Si Perkins" traditional last bath of the season in the horse trough is "nigh onto" being due, what with cold winds and Jack Frost in the offing.

### Aside From That—

In jail at Spokane, Ralph E. Briggs, 22, a meat cutter, had the following ordinance violations to answer for: Driving his automobile with one head-light, driving with defective brakes, cutting corners at an intersection, moving against a red light, and driving while under the influence of liquor.

### Superintendent's Son Dies

Friends of Barney Michael, popular district superintendent of the Continental Oil company were grieved to hear of the death of his fifteen year old son Donald the first of the week. The Michaels home is in Yakima but the body was brought to their former home at Waitsburg for burial Wednesday.

### Rocks Smash Windows

Rocks thrown by cars passing Bade's shoe store in College Place, smashed a plate glass show window,

## HIGHWAY BATTLE STIRS GOVERNOR

### Strife Arising Over Selection of Route, Portland to Sea.

Portland. — Governor Meier may take a hand in the civil war that is now going on in the state highway commission, a war started and maintained with arguments over the best "short route to the sea."

From his apartments in the Benson hotel, where he has been resting for several weeks, he revealed that he is planning to call the highway commission into consultation some time next week "for a discussion on unemployment."

He did not say that he meant to "jack up" the embattled commissioners for the state of war that has resulted. In fact, he refused to comment on the matter other than to say that "the commissioners should remember they are doing more than selecting highway routes—they are spending the money of the people of Oregon."

But it is intimated that the contention meets with little favor in his eyes, and that he might adopt a "Gentlemen, let's get down to work" attitude, in the hope of expediting state business along approved and sound business lines.

His declaration of intention to meet with the commission also carried with it more than a hint that his "rest cure" at the Benson has done him a lot of good, and that he is about ready to go back to his desk on a regular daily schedule. Asked as to where the meeting with the commission would be held, he said it would be "either Portland or Salem."

The return of Commissioner Hanley from a trip to California may definitely decide the date of the meeting. It is reported that Mr. Hanley plans to return to Oregon late this week, which would make him available for conference at any later time.

The attack on the commission started immediately after commission engineers, in a reconnaissance report issued Saturday, proposed the "Y" short route to the sea from Portland, using the Wilson-river route to the south and the Wolf-creek Hamlet route to the north. The report said the two roads provide the shortest distance between Portland and the coast, involve the least amount of new construction and can be constructed at a total cost of \$4,079,830.

Charles K. Spaulding, Salem member of the commission, announced in newspapers that he would not support this proposal and declared he was carrying the fight to the people.

The report is based on a "horseback" survey, he said, and the proposed routes never have been inspected by heads of the engineering department, he continued. He favors the Scappoose-Vernonia route and the Wilson river route.

### Will Defend McLaughlin

The Athena law firm of Watts & Prestbye has been retained by the defense in the murder trial of the State vs. Ed. McLaughlin, which comes up in the November term of the circuit court at Canyon City, Grant county.

McLaughlin is charged with the slaying of Joe Blessing, sheep camptender who was shot, fell in a fire, the flames consuming the body. McLaughlin claims he had to kill Blessing in self defense, when the latter pursued him with an ax, after the two had quarreled over disappearance of socks and tobacco, belonging to McLaughlin. The case is attracting wide interest throughout Grant county, where Blessing and McLaughlin are well known.

### Saturday Night Dances

The first of a series of Saturday night dances was enjoyed by a number of young people at Evergreen Hall, Saturday evening. Edwin McEwen who is sponsoring these dances, appreciates the attendance for the opening night and expects patronage to increase as the popularity of the series grows. Excellency of the modern dance music expected to be greatly enhanced by changes made this week in better control of sound in the electrical amplification device. Refreshments will be served at these dances.

### Craig-Tucker

Miss May Tucker and James Craig-Tucker were married in Walla Walla Saturday. Miss Tucker is the only daughter of Ralph Tucker and was graduated from Weston high school last May. Mr. Craig has grown up in Weston and has been farming on Dry creek with C. E. Fiske for three years. The couple will live on the farm.

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