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The Heedless Fire-Starters.
 Someone dropped a match, or a cigarette, or some careless or mischievous or vicious play with fire set off a flame that destroyed 25,000 acres of winter range between Westland and Boardman some weeks ago, and endangered the West Extension canal system from sand blows that may cost many thousands of dollars.
 Who did it, or where or how it happened is unknown, but the fact remains that a careless act caused a fire in dry grass and sagebrush that burns like tinder box in the summer time in our great out of doors. It may be years before the protection of the sagebrush will return. It may also be several seasons before the grass is restored by nature or human effort. It is likely that through an unusually windy season perpetual sand blows may be developed that will pile up buttes, and knolls and spread desert wastes, all because the flame dropped from the hand of someone criminally careless.

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 † **UMATILLA NEWS** †
 By ERMA BYRNES.
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Betty McKenzie, student nurse at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton, spent last Wednesday visiting her parents.
 Harry Hull left last Thursday for

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Spokane where he visited his mother, Mrs. Emma Hull, returning Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. James Byrnes spent Saturday in Walla Walla on business.
 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Linn returned Sunday from Portland where they have been visiting for two weeks. Mr. Linn is superintendent of schools here.
 V. D. Bramer returned Saturday from Cascade Locks where he has been employed. He is working for the government.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. James Alson enjoyed a picnic on the Columbia river Saturday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tucker and son Joe returned last Wednesday from Bend where they had spent a couple of days fishing.
 Mrs. Lew Brownell and son Bob and Mrs. Ralph Joder and Ben Judy spent Saturday in Walla Walla.
 Miss Sara Rix returned home Sunday from Portland where she spent a week visiting. Miss Rix is the cook in the school cafeteria.
 Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peterson and daughter Eva and John Gibson returned last week from a trip through Yellowstone Park which lasted nearly two weeks.
 Earl Fromdahl of Walla Walla is visiting here.
 Albert Vieg, who is working in Portland, spent Sunday visiting his mother here.
 Miss Cecilia Beyler returned Sunday from Astoria where she has spent most of the summer. Miss Beyler is English teacher in the local school.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Kendler and Yvonne of Coulee dam is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kendler Sr., here, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom of Irrigon for a few days.
 Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and Maurice Priddy and Vane Hiatt attended the Heppner rodeo Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Worthley arrived here Sunday from Portland where they have spent the summer. Mr. Worthley is seventh and eighth grade teacher and coach for the local school.

Burned-over Range Land Seeded.
 GOLD BEACH—Burning over and reseeding 290 acres of brush land to mesquite, orchard, highland bent and rye grasses and white clover in-

creased the wool clip from ewes 23 per cent on the Delmar Colegrove ranch near Brookings, increased the lamb fleeces by 26 per cent, added 5 per cent more weight to each of his lambs, and enabled him to raise 20 per cent more lambs than he could on his old seeding, was reported to County Agent R. M. Knox. As a result of this profitable experience, Mr. Colegrove has just completed the burning over of a square mile of his range land. The work is considered valuable in reducing fire hazards on these lands as well as materially improving the range.

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PINE CITY
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By Mrs. Bernice Wattenburger
 Mrs. Lucy O'Brien and Pete Wilkin were married in Walla Walla, Wednesday. They will make their home on Butter Creek at the O'Brien ranch.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers and family spent Saturday and Sunday at Grand Coulee dam.
 The 4-H club members winning premiums at the Heppner show Saturday were: Lilly Rauch, first; Mabel Rauch, second; Cecelia Healy third; Guy Moore third; grand champion; Harold Neill, Ralph Neill, Malcolm, Gordon and Pat O'Brien, first, second and third.
 Mr. and Mrs. Twig Hinkel of Hermiston spent Sunday at the John Harrison home.
 Ray and Juanita Ayers took first and second prize with their goats in the Heppner rodeo parade.
 Tony Vey and his string of racing and bucking horses took part in the Heppner rodeo.
 Mrs. Jim Daley is in Pendleton attending the American Legion convention.
 Mr. and Mrs. Marion Finch spent Monday in Pendleton on business.
 Miss Johnson has been elected to take Miss Sallberg's position in the high school when school opens.

Equalization Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 4, 1938, at 2:00 P.M., the Directors of the West Extension Irrigation District, acting as a Board of Equalization, will meet at the office of the District in Irrigon, Oregon, to review and correct the annual assessment of the District to be levied on or before the first Tuesday in September, 1938.
 A. C. HOUGHTON, Secretary.

Dogwood Tree Is Traced to the Time of Christ
 Although the various dogwoods are sometimes so small that they seem hardly more than a good-sized shrub, they have been known for centuries and their legendary history reaches into Greek mythology, to the Roman empire at the time of Christ and to the folklore of early American Indian tribes. Their slender, twisted branches and unusual four-petaled flowers have seemed to call for explanation and the legends have tried to account for them, writes Paul Davey, tree expert, in the Washington Star.
 One of the legends is to the effect that the dogwood, because of the hardness of its wood, was chosen for use in the cross at the crucifixion. The technical name of the tree is Cornus, from the Latin corna, a horn, and refers to the character of the wood. The legend runs that the dogwood was much distressed at being chosen for such a terrible purpose and that the Savior, sensing this feeling, made to the tree this promise:
 "Never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossom shall be in the form of a cross—two long and two short petals and in the center of the outer edge of each petal there shall be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with blood, and the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns."
 "All those who see it will remember it was on the dogwood that I was crucified and this tree shall not be mutilated or destroyed, but cherished and protected as a reminder of my agony and death upon the cross."
 It is a beautiful way of explaining the peculiarities of the dogwood. History does not bear out the legendary assumption that the cross was made from the wood of the dogwood, but that does not take away from the beauty of the legend.

Eskimo Dog Never Barks but Howls Like a Wolf
 Eskimo huskies can withstand any kind of dry cold weather. They can lie out on the snow and ice and sleep with the temperature as low as 50 degrees below zero without danger of frostbite. They will swim in water until a heavy coat of ice forms on their fur. Many times their breath will freeze on their face and it becomes necessary for them to remove the ice with their paws in order to see the trail.
 The real Eskimo dog is a slightly modified wolf, states a writer in the Detroit News. A good specimen stands 2 feet 4 inches at the shoulder, measures over 6 feet 6 inches from the tip of the tail and will scale 100 pounds. The hair is thick and straight. The ears are pointed and stand directly up. The large, bushy tail curves completely over onto the back, and is always carried erect. The color is generally tawny, like that of the gray wolf, with no distinctive markings. The Eskimo dog never barks, but howls like a wolf in a sitting posture with the head upturned. They have a wonderful instinct for finding their way under insurmountable difficulties, and they have often been the means of saving the lives of their masters.

India Wedding Odd Affair
 Just think of not being able to tell a wedding from a funeral. What a confusing state of affairs. But that is exactly what would happen if one were traveling in Bengal, in the northeastern part of India, along the road to Mount Everest, asserts a writer in the Washington Star. Almost any day one might meet a procession winding through the hills. In its center some of the marchers would be carrying a bundle suspended from two poles. Such a bundle is wrapped carefully in heavy hangings. Nothing much can be made out about it except that it has the shape of a human body. Naturally, the onlooker, if he is a stranger in the country, thinks it is a corpse. But he is mistaken. It is a bride. In this part of India a bride is wrapped over and over again until not a toe or finger is visible. Thus prepared, she is hung between two poles and carried to the new home, where she and her husband are about to set up housekeeping.

The Silk Industry
 China had a monopoly on the silkworm until 551 A. D. Then some eggs were smuggled out of the country into western Europe in defiance of a 3,000-year-old law, which provided the death penalty for exploiting the worms or the mulberry trees on which they spin their cocoons. Since then the whole world has been wearing silk. France has its own supply of silkworms and exports 300,000 ounces of silkworm eggs every year; silk is an important Japanese export.

The Word Yard
 The word yard comes to us from an Anglo-Saxon word, "gyrd," meaning a rod. In ancient times, says London Answers Magazine, the yard was regarded as equal to the circumference of the human body. Then Henry I decreed that it should be the length of his arm. This is interesting when we recall that most of us can measure off a yard of string, etc., by stretching it from our nose to the extreme of our arm fully extended.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES
 "CHRIST Jesus" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, August 28.
 The Golden Text was, "Thou Beth-lehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).
 Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David" (Luke 1:30,31,32).
 The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "He was appointed to speak God's word and to appear to mortals in such a form of humanity as they could understand as well as perceive. Mary's conception of him was spiritual, for only purity could reflect Truth and Love, which were plainly incarnate in the good and pure Christ Jesus" (p.332).

HERMISTON UNION CHURCH
 C. Warner, Pastor.
 Bible school 10:00 A. M.
 Worship service 11:00 A. M.
 7:00 P. M., Christian Endeavor.
 8:00 P. M., Church services.
 Midweek prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.
 Ladies Aid each Wednesday 2:00 P. M.
 Missionary meeting, second Wednesday of each month.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Columbia School
 11:00 A. M., Devotional service and communion.
 10:00 A. M. Bible school.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.
 A. T. Kingsbury, Elder
 Sabbath school at 10:00 A. M.
 Mrs. J. O. Gray, superintendent.
 Preaching service at 11:00 A. M.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
 A. B. Turner, Pastor
 Sunday school at 10:00 A. M.
 Mrs. Howard Montgomery, Supt.
 Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Children's services at the parsonage at 11:00, Mrs. Turner in charge. Evangelistic service in the evening at 7:45 P. M.
 Bible Study Friday at 7:45 P. M.

METHODIST CHURCH
 Stearns Cushing, Jr., Pastor.
 Sunday school 10:00 A. M. Junior church 11:00, and morning worship at 11:00. Epworth League at 7:00 P. M. and evening praise and preaching service at 8:00 o'clock.
 Ladies' Aid every first and third Wednesday.
 Junior church superintendent, Lois Hutchison; Ladies' Aid president, Emma Felthouse; Sunday school superintendent, Mabel Boulware; Epworth League president, Edward Shaw.

Specials for September 2-3

Candy Bars or Gum 3 for 10c

Blue & White Ripe Olives - 9 oz. 17¢
 Red & White Stuffed Olives - 5 1/4 oz. 27¢
 Red & White Vienna Sausage - 4 oz. 9¢
 Rath Spiced Ham - 12 oz. 33¢
 Wax Paper - Red & White - 125 ft. 17¢
 Tea Garden Orange Marmalade 1 lb. jar 25¢
 Red & White Cake Flour - 2 1/2 lb. pkg. 25¢
 Red & White Shrimp - wet or dry 1's - 2 - 39¢
 R. & W. Sockeye Salmon - 1's tall - 2 for 45¢

Silver Rapids Pink Salmon 1s tall 2 for 25¢

Red & White Dill Pickles - 2 1/2's 16¢
 Burnett Liquid Ice Cream Mix 3 for 13¢

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 Radishes - young sweet 3 Bun. 10c

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