

BANNER PEAR CROP IN ROGUE THIS SEASON

So Says Professor O'Gara After
Visit to All of the Larger Orchards
—Trees Are in Excellent Condition
and Fruit Heavily Set.

WINTER NELIS ALONE ARE
UNDER USUAL ESTIMATE

Apple Crop Will Be About 50 Per
Cent of Last Year's
Production.

The pear crop in the Rogue river valley this season will be a banner one, surpassing last year's production to a considerable extent, according to Professor P. J. O'Gara who has just completed a tour of the principal orchards in the valley, Hillcrest, Burrell, Gore, Allen, Bear creek and other orchards were visited and the crop will be a splendid one.

Winter Nelis alone of the pear family will not produce a large crop owing to defective pollination. This crop will be about 60 per cent of the one harvested last year.

The apple crop in the valley will range between 40 and 50 per cent of last year's production, this being an off year for apples.

"The orchards were never in a healthier condition than at present," states Professor O'Gara. "Blight has been entirely eradicated and everything leads to assure a large pear crop. A large number of reports have reached this office to the effect that several orchards had lost many of their pears but I found on my inspection that these reports were unfounded.

OPIUM SMUGGLING INTO AUSTRALIA IS LUCRATIVE

MELBOURNE, May 31.—Opium smuggling into various parts of Australia is vastly lucrative business, it is one to judge from the facts revealed in a case heard in the courts in Sydney. The crown authorities is making out of their charge against a young man named Waterhouse who was involved in criminal proceedings, asserted that he made as much as \$350 in the course of a single night. His modus operandi was declared to be as follows: He induced Europeans to bring opium from China to Canada, robbed them there, and then escaped to Queensland in order to dispose of his booty. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

GENERAL BURKE'S FUNERAL IS HELD AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Or., May 31.—The funeral of Brigadier General Daniel W. Burke, U. S. A., retired, was held this forenoon at the Catholic cathedral. The body was interred at Mount Calvary cemetery. The burial ceremony was simple and semi-private. Mrs. Burke overruled the suggestion of a military funeral.

General Burke died late yesterday from a complication of various diseases from which he had suffered for months. He was 70 years of age and had risen from the ranks. He fought throughout the civil war and won rapid promotions for bravery.

Stocks Pessimistic.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A concentrated drive by the bears depressed prices today in the most active issues. United States Steel and Amalgamated Copper were heavily sold and it was rumored that these corporations would be attacked in a way similar to the Standard Oil company and the American Tobacco company. The market hardened after the opening and the rally wiped out early losses. Canadian Pacific rose 2; Union Pacific 1 3/4; Northern Pacific 1 1/4. St. Paul, Erie first preferred and Reading 1; United States Steel and Amalgamated Copper declined 1.

The market closed steady.

Celebrating Beginning of War



CINCINNATI, Ohio, May 31.—Old, yet hale and hearty, the surviving members of the Ninth Ohio Volunteer infantry, which served throughout the war of the rebellion from the firing on Fort Sumter to the fall of Appomattox, met in Cincinnati and celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their enlistment. They had a banquet, provided for by the savings of Private C. W. H. Luebbert, of that regiment.

The method whereby Mr. Luebbert saved his money is perhaps the first ever used for a like occasion. Forty-five years ago he started to save the money for the banquet. Each month he went to the bank and deposited the sum of 10 cents. In all, he made 540 trips to the bank. This in itself meant only \$54. However, the interest on the money brought the sum up to \$239.77.

ARMOUR CLEARS UP A FORTUNE

Dumps Immense Quantities of May
Wheat into the Pit When Price
Reaches \$1.04 and Prevents
Squeezing of Shorts.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 31.—By dumping immense quantities of May wheat into the pit today when the price reached \$1.04 and preventing the squeezing of shorts, J. Ogden Armour cleared up a fortune and prevented a pit scandal. The bulls had planned to corner the cereal. The options of many shorts expired at noon today. Heavy arrivals of wheat from elevators also helped prevent the panic which threatened the pit today. The greatest excitement marked the trading. Armour had heavy holdings which he had acquired at lower prices. When the bulls endeavored to stampee the pit he let go of large quantities, permitting the shorts to cover before the prices soared higher.

May wheat at the opening jumped a full cent. This followed an advance of 3 1/2 cents Monday. It was estimated that the shorts were compelled to deliver 2,000,000 bushels to cover short sales.

GENERAL PRYCE HAS DROPPED FROM SIGHT

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 31.—Following the execution of Captain Francisco Viza at Sunrise, it was learned today that General Pryce and his aide, Captain Melvin Hopkins were missing from the camp.

Whether Pryce had left the rebels for good, whether he had gone to the Los Angeles junta on business or whether he had met with foul play was questioned by his men. It was generally believed that Pryce has gone to Los Angeles. Most of the white officers of his force, it was reported, also had left camp. Pryce and his officers, it was said, had learned they were to be replaced by Mexicans.

Viza's execution was quite dramatic. He was led to the hills near Tia Juana at sunrise and shot by Mexicans. "I am afraid of Americans," said the condemned man "and I refuse to be shot down by white men." Five Mexicans composed the firing squad. He jeered at his executioners. The rifles cracked and Viza fell forward, a smile on his face. His body was still lying at noon where it fell.

BECKER GIVES UP A LITTLE

Makes Partial Confession Regarding
Forging of Check—Anxious for
Trial but Must Wait Until Grand
Jury Meets.

J. W. Becker, who is alleged to have secured various household articles from the Mordoff & Wolf Furniture store, giving in payment a check which was afterwards found to be forged, made a partial confession Tuesday when Mrs. William Becker, a sister-in-law who resides near Jacksonville, brought some of the articles to Medford. Mrs. Becker was entirely innocent of the fact that the goods had been secured by irregular methods. Becker is anxious to be given a hearing and have the matter over with but the laws of the state provide that he must stay in the county jail until the grand jury convenes in the fall.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO EUGENE ORGANIZATIONS

EUGENE, Or., May 31.—Governor Oswald West spoke to students of the University of Oregon Wednesday morning. Governor West will also speak twice to the citizens of Eugene. Tonight he will address the Municipal league at the Osburn hotel, and tomorrow night the Woodmen of the World.

WINDOWS USED AS BILLBOARD; TROUBLE

Promiscuous advertising of one business by placing stickers on doors and windows in the business district is becoming a favorite and of the same time dangerous custom for those engaged in it.

Every morning for the past week one or more show windows are plastered with red, blue and other colored pasters and the merchants are having considerable difficulty in keeping the store fronts presentable.

There is no difficulty in finding out the identity of the parties concerned as the name is usually quite prominent in the advertising scheme. The various sign boards about the city are more appropriate for advertising than the places now used.

Repairing Lines.

EL PASO, Texas, May 31.—That the Southern Pacific line, washed out by a cloudburst 150 miles east of here, would be ready to resume traffic today was the expectation of the officials of the road here. Five miles of track were carried away by a cloudburst and traffic was completely tied up.

MRS. HARRIMAN SENT REQUEST

Lengthy Telegram is Forwarded to
Order, New York, Advising Mag-
nate's Widow of Rogue Valley and
Its Natural Resources.

BUSINESS MEN RALLY TO SUPPORT OF MOVE

Dr. Reddy Declares That City Will
Give 100 Acres of Land and
Bonus if Needed.

A lengthy telegram, delineating the advantages of the Rogue river valley as the site of the proposed Edward H. Harriman university was sent to Mrs. E. H. Harriman at Arden, New York, Tuesday, and a reply is awaited with much interest. The telegram after reciting the natural advantages of this valley spoke of Mr. Harriman's expressed delight with Medford and the surrounding territory. The telegram was signed by Mayor W. H. Canon, President Colvig of the Commercial club, and S. V. Beekwith, president of the University club. Mrs. Harriman was asked to express her pleasure in the matter.

"The business men of Medford stand ready to give 100, 500 or 1000 acres of land and \$25,000 or \$50,000 with which to improve it, if Mrs. Harriman will be influenced by such an offer," states Dr. J. F. Reddy, who is fathering the movement. "I have had a large number of them come to me and volunteer their aid financially or otherwise, if it be needed. We can well afford to make such an offer as the building of 'greatest university in the world' means the pouring out of millions for buildings, improvement of grounds, equipment and the like. It may be that Mrs. Harriman will not require a bonus but if so we will give one."

Business men generally throughout the city are rallying to the move. Medford has struck one of her gaits, that has made her a leader of progressive cities.

HARRY KNIGHT NERVOUS WRECK

Driver of Racing Car in 500 Mile
Speed Test is Kept Under Influ-
ence of Opiates—May Never Drive
Another Racer.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 31.—A nervous wreck after the terrible strain of yesterday's 500 mile automobile race, Harry Knight, who drove the Westcott car, was under the influence of opiates today. Although Knight was uninjured yesterday, the strain on his nerves was too severe for him, and after the race was ended he collapsed. Today it is predicted that he will never be able to drive another racing car. His physicians fear he may suffer a permanent breakdown of the nerves.

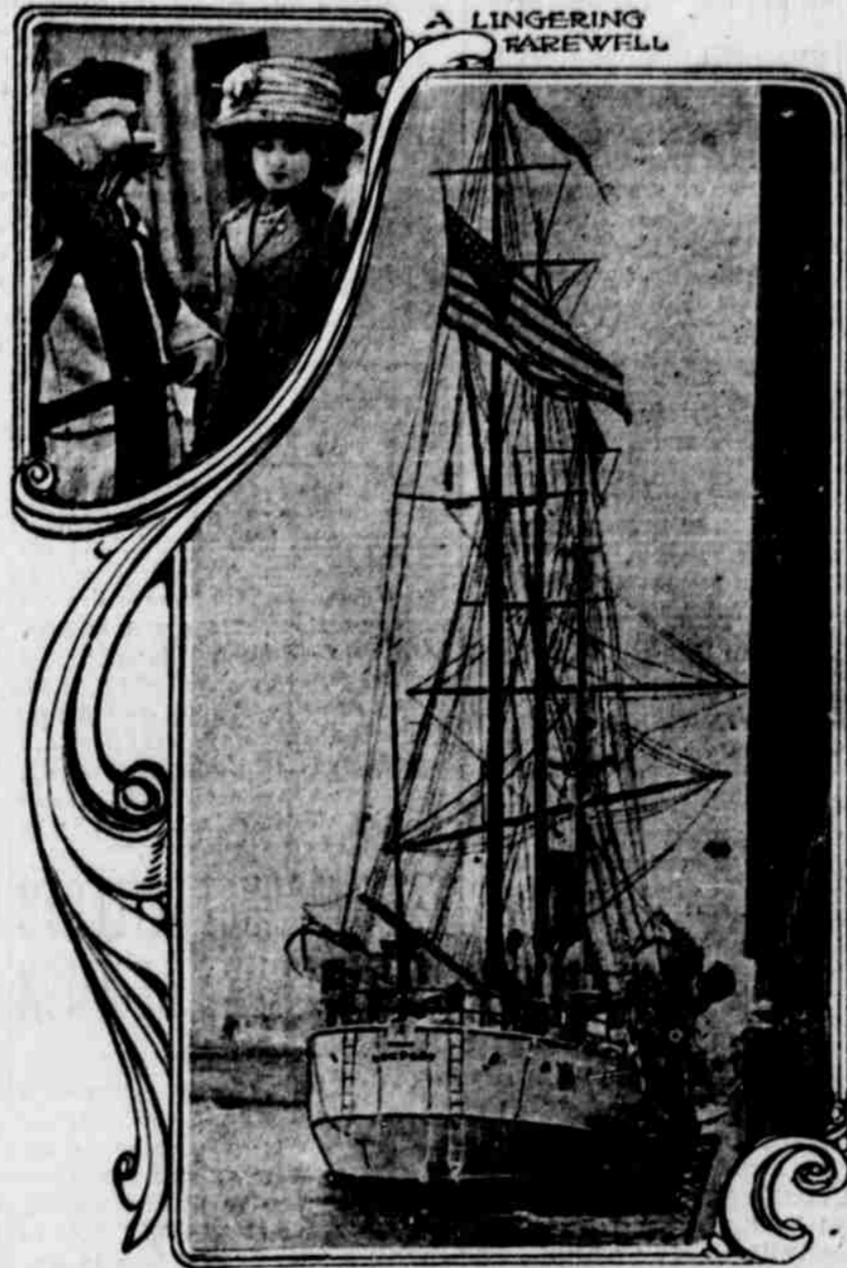
The men injured in the race yesterday are resting easily this afternoon. Archie Greiner, whose Amplex was dashed from the track following a tire explosion, was improved today and his physicians believe he will surely recover. The body of his mechanic, S. P. Dickson, killed in the same accident, was shipped to Chicago.

MISS AGNES HOBSON DIES ON JACKSON CREEK

Agnes Hobson, the 17-year daughter of Mrs. Lucy Hobson, died at the family home on Jackson creek, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Lillie Gilbert of Rainier, Or.; Mrs. Emma Grot of Vina, Cal.; and Hazel Hobson of Jacksonville; two brothers, James Hobson of Redding, Cal., and Harry Hobson of Jacksonville and one half-sister, Ruth Armstrong, of Galveston, Texas.

The funeral will be held from the home at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Interment will be in Jacksonville cemetery. John Perl has charge of the funeral arrangements.

Utilizing Worn-out Warships



NEW YORK, June 31.—Eighty able youths full of the call of the sea, were on board the Newport, a one time gunboat in the United States Navy, which left to begin its annual cruise of four months.

The vessel is now used by the Board of Education as a training school designed to fit young men for the merchant marine. Relatives and friends gave the young men good advice, countless articles for personal use and a rousing and lingering send off.

The school ship is officered by retired men from the navy: Captain Harry Mason, Donabugh; Chief Engineer, Clarence H. Matthews; Executive Officer Felix Gross; Senior Instructor, Charles E. Morgan, and Junior Instructor, Berthold Ackerman. The bodily ills of the boys will be looked after by Dr. Richard A. Warner, U. S. N. The party will travel between ten thousand and eleven thousand miles, before returning, September 28. They will visit twenty places along the Sound, the New England coast, going as far north as Halifax, N. S., and making a run to Hamilton, Bermuda, and calling at Southern ports during July and August, coming back and making a second visit to Sound and New England points, Boston and Portland, Me.; Fort Monroe, Annapolis and New London will be a few of the places visited.

MAY MAKE EAGLE SCREAM JULY 4

Mass Meeting Called for Tonight to
Discuss Plans for Observing Un-
cle Sam's Birthday—All Are Urged
to Attend.

The glorious old bird of freedom may have his tail tweaked in Medford on the coming Fourth of July and mighty screams of patriotism may ascend in volume never before approached. The matter will be decided at a mass meeting of citizens to be held tonight in the rooms of the real estate exchange to which all patriotic Americans residing in this city are invited and urged to attend.

GEORGE P. LINDLEY IS LAID AT REST

The funeral of George P. Lindley, at one time county treasurer of this county, president of the First Trust & Savings bank of Klamath Falls and a director in the Jackson County bank was held from the family residence, 103 North Roosevelt avenue at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, interment being held in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The services were well attended and there were numerous beautiful floral offerings. Rev. Belknap of the Methodist Episcopal church, directed the last rites. The pall bearers were R. H. Whitehead, V. J. Emerick, W. H. Canon, J. W. Siemens, W. I. Vawter and D. H. Dansecom.

TRAIN DERAILED TWO ARE DEAD

DETROIT, Mich., May 31.—Michigan Central West bound express No. 9 was derailed near Ridgetown, Ontario today. The engine turned over, killing Engineer Quinlan and Fireman Oakes. Their bodies were cremated.

AVIATOR'S MEN NOW IN CITY

Work of Setting Up Biplane Begins
—Grounds Are Examined—Plane
Here is New—Ely Will Arrive on
Friday Evening.

The biplane used by Aviator Eugene Ely arrived in Medford Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday two of Ely's mechanics arrived and immediately went to the ball park with Court Hall and a thorough examination of the grounds was made in preparation for determining the starting and landing points and the general direction of the flights.

MAN PARDONED BY TAFT IS WITNESS IN CASE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 31.—When the trial of Attorney Fred H. Thompson charged with having received stolen money, was resumed today, Orlando Alterre, the postoffice clerk, who was pardoned by President Taft after being convicted of perjury and embezzlement of \$15,000 again took the stand. Alterre has testified that he told Thompson of the theft and that he also revealed to him the hiding place of the first \$5000 he took from the postoffice. Today's testimony dealt with the remaining \$10,000, all of which, the prosecution claims, Thompson secured from Alterre as attorneys fees.

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CHANGE SCENE ROAD WAR TO WASHINGTON

Harriman and Hill Lines Will Next
Engage in Railroad Building War-
fare in North Central Washington
According to Report in Portland.

HARRIMAN FORCES HAVE SUDDENLY BECOME ACTIVE

Surveys Are Being Followed Up by
Right of Way Parties—Has
Been Hill Territory.

PORTLAND, Or., May 31.—That North Central Washington will be the scene of the next big railroad building war between the Harriman and Hill forces is reported here today. The report is based on activity shown by the Harriman forces in Washington under the guidance of R. E. Strahorn, general manager of the Third district of the O. W. R. & N. company, with headquarters in Spokane.

General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the first district with headquarters in this city said today that any activity on the part of the Harriman system along the Upper Columbia, above the confluence of the Snake River could come under Strahorn's jurisdiction.

Surveys were made by the Harriman people along the Upper Columbia some time ago into the territory which so far has been covered exclusively by the Great Northern. That these surveys will be followed up soon by the right of way and eventually construction crews is now predicted.

North Central Washington contains 11,000 square miles of which 5,500,000 acres are said to be suited for agricultural purposes. About one fifth of this enormous area is now under cultivation and producing a tonnage that is said to be one of the richest resources of the Great North-west. It is this tonnage and that to be developed by further railroad building that the Harriman people would shore.

ATTORNEYS TO DEFEND CONNERS AND MAPLE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 31.—The attorneys engaged by the Ironworkers' union to conduct the defense of the McNamara brothers will also look after the interests of B. H. Conners and A. B. Maple, indicted by the grand jury, in connection with the attempt to dynamite the hall of records building here last September.

This fact became known through a visit of Attorney Job Harriman to the cells of Conners and Maple, Chief Deputy District Attorney Horton declared today that Conners and Maple would probably be tried before the McNamara brothers.

Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the McNamaras, will leave this afternoon for San Francisco to confer with labor leaders there.

From San Francisco he will go to Indianapolis to investigate evidence unearthed by Attorney Leo Rappaport.

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