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The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday...80
Lowest temperature last night...51
Forecast for interior southwest
Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednes-
day; not much change in tempera-
ture.

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By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is a statement made to this writer yesterday by a capable, thoughtful citizen: "I have just finished serving, for the first time in my life, on the jury. It is an interesting experience. I have learned many things I didn't know before. It has been well worth the time involved."

Other capable, thoughtful citizens should take note of this statement. The next time you are called for jury duty, don't find an excuse. Do your duty. You will find it well worth while.

It is always worth while to do your duty as a citizen.

THERE is much criticism of the jury system—some of it deserved, and some of it unfounded, based on hearsay and wholly undeserved.

There would be less reason for criticism of the jury system if every good citizen did his full duty every time he is called for jury service, not seeking to be excused and giving to every case brought before him the very best judgment of which he is capable.

QUOTING again the capable citizen already referred to: "It is my observation that women are just as good jurors, just as fair in their judgments and just as able in their analysis of the evidence, as men."

"If I had a case coming before a jury, a case requiring intelligent analysis of the evidence, I would just as soon have a jury made up of women as a jury made up of men."

WHY shouldn't women be just as good jurors as men? Women, especially mothers, have much more experience in sifting evidence for the purpose of arriving at the truth than men.

They have brought before them constantly, by their children, cases that are essentially similar to court cases. They have to examine the evidence and sift the truth out of a mass of conflicting statements.

Most adults, recalling these youthful sessions, will agree that they had to be pretty capable preparators if they were able to fool their mothers.

SPEAKING of women, at least seven men out of every ten interviewed will tell you that women drivers are less capable than men. Some of the seven will be merely cynical and sex-conscious, but the others will actually believe what they are saying.

The evidence is against them. Wherever exact figures have been gathered, the conclusions favor the women drivers.

IN Connecticut, for example, there are 270,000 licensed male and 67,525 licensed female drivers, or a proportion of one woman driver to four men.

But of the accidents occurring last year, and reported to the authorities, 41,847 were traced to men drivers and only 3,724 to women. That is to say, the proportion of women drivers to men was one in four, but the proportion of accidents for which women drivers were responsible was only one in eleven.

THE same story is told by figures collected in Massachusetts, which has 740,000 men drivers and 130,000 women, or a ratio of one woman driver to five and a half men. But for each accident for which a woman was responsible in Massachusetts in 1928, 17 accidents were traced to men.

And so it was in New York, which has a ratio of one woman driver to each five men, but where the accident ratio was one to 25 in favor of the women.

ONE of the rules of common fairness is that both sides shall be given a hearing. So let us pause here to permit the men to put in a little testimony.

Most men who drive a great deal with women in the back seat will at least agree that women THINK they know more about driving.

SPEAKING of automobiles, the automotive industry last year paid to the railroads the sum of \$192,796,536 in freight revenue. Of this total, the Eastern railroads received \$92,747,940, the Southern \$16,227,942 and the Western \$83,820,654.

So it is apparent that while the automobiles have taken something away from the railroads, they have also given something back.

PROMINENT MEN ARRIVE TODAY FOR CONVENTION

Representative of National
Commander Speaker at
Meeting of Veterans
This Morning.

Frolic of Military Order
of the Serpent to Be
Held Tonight—Pa-
rade at 9 o'clock.

A number of outside visitors were present today for the 21st annual encampment of United Spanish War Veterans of Oregon. Jack Witherspoon, past commander-in-chief, the highest national officer, arrived this morning from Seattle. He has been commissioned by the present commander-in-chief as the latter's personal representative at the state convention, and was given the honors at this morning's session, which he made a very interesting address.

Past department commander of Washington and Alaska, Joe Wheeler of Vancouver, Washington, and Pat Kelley, past commander of the veterans of foreign wars and Jay Upton, past commander of the department of Oregon, were among other distinguished visitors present today.

The public will be entertained at 9 o'clock this morning from the hotel to the army, with Mr. Witherspoon leading the parade. The morning was given over to business of committees and reports. The chief business of the afternoon meeting was the nomination of officers and report of resolutions committee.

The public will be entertained at 3 o'clock tonight by the annual torchlight parade of the Military Order of the Serpent, the fun order of the veterans' organization. The business meeting of the order will start at 4 o'clock, followed by the election and installation of officers. The frolic will continue on to midnight.

The auxiliary also conducted very interesting sessions today, nominating officers and exhorting the ritual, together with reports of officers and committees. The ladies will have their stunt night after 9 o'clock tonight.

The convention will end tomorrow with the final report, election of officers, joint installation and an official visit to the Oregon Soldiers' Home.

Over five hundred visitors were fed at the banquet at the Soldiers' Home last night. This occasion was a very enjoyable one, the tables being spread in the beautiful grove adjoining the administration building. Music was furnished during the meal by the Kiwanis club orchestra, and after the meal a large group gathered around the piano for a delightful songfest.

The reception and ball at the armory were well attended and dancing was enjoyed until midnight.

NOMINATIONS ARE MADE BY SPANISH WAR AUXILIARY

Nominations of state officers were made at the meeting of the Spanish War Auxiliary this morning. Although nominations were opened again this afternoon, no further names were expected to be entered. The only contest so far developed is in the office of assistant conductor. Nominations made at the morning meeting were Audrey Gray, Portland, department president; Clara T. Starnes, Roseburg, senior vice-president; Harriet L. Sawyer, Portland, junior vice-president; Effie Ernst, Grants Pass, chaplain; Hazel Hoffman, McMinnville, department inspector; Jenny M. Eddy, Portland, patriotic instructor; Ethel Kirkendall, Baker, historian; Gertrude Drake, Portland, conductor; Allie Worrell, Albany, and Ethel Helfrich, Portland, assistant conductor; Mattie Clark, Bend, guard; Ida Corvett, Albany, assistant guard.

MOTHER ACCUSED OF BURNING BABE

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—Mrs. Josephine Valent, charged with burning to death her eight-month-old son, was held in the county jail without bail today, pending trial on first degree murder charges following preliminary hearing yesterday.

Introduced as a surprise witness, ten-year-old Esther Garcia testified at the hearing that she saw Mrs. Valent drop a lighted match into the baby carriage on the afternoon of July 5.

LAST 3 OF WAR COMPANY HOLD ANNUAL RALLY

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 16.—The Last Man's club, organized 46 years ago by 314 members of B company, First Minnesota Volunteers, will hold its annual dinner next Sunday; but what once was a joyous banquet will be this year only a quiet dinner by three old men.

John F. Goff, 86; Peter O. Hall, 91, and Charles Lockwood, 87, are all that are left of the gallant company. This year they are dining at the home of Goff's daughter. In other days the dinners were held at the inn in Stillwater, Minn., but now the survivors have become too feeble to make the journey there.

In the center of the table Sunday night will be the bottle of wine which was obtained at the first gathering and which is to be used by the last living member to drink a toast to his departed comrades.

The dinner is held each year on the anniversary of the battle of Bull Run.

POLISH FLYER'S TRAGIC END TOLD BY EYE WITNESS

HORTA, Azores, July 15.—Major Casimiro Kubala, painfully injured himself, tried in vain to rescue his comrade, Major Ludwik Idzikowski, from their burning plane, the Marshal Pilsudski, when it crashed in Graciosa island Saturday night, ending a trans-Atlantic venture.

The first complete account of the disastrous termination of the two Polish flyers' brilliant attempt to fly from Lie Bourant to New York was given to the Associated Press today by a witness, one of those who sought to save the lives of both men.

His narrative revealed that both Kubala and Idzikowski were found strapped inside their plane, which was upside down in a corn field, near the village of Santa Cruz. Idzikowski's legs appeared to be broken, and so pinioned beneath him he could not be extricated from the cabin before the gasoline tanks exploded and set the plane afire.

Those attempting the rescue believed Idzikowski was already dead when finally the advancing flames made them desist. Kubala, slightly dazed with fumes from the gasoline tank, which had been opened to permit dumping, attempted to rush into the cabin. Idzikowski's child, of one last effort, but the crowd held him back.

Major Idzikowski's body was not removed from the plane until day-break Sunday.

Death Ends Ambition WARSAW, July 16.—Polish people have been deeply affected by the death of Major Ludwik Idzikowski, trans-Atlantic aviator, at Graciosa island Saturday night, the end of the attempt to fly to New York.

The major was the last male member of his family. Three brothers were killed during the war. Friends recalled that when (Continued on page 6)

11 GIRLS, DRIVER DIE WHEN TRUCK DROPS 1,000 FEET

TEGUCHI, A. Honduras, July 16.—Laughing and happy at the end of a perfect day's picnicking, eleven Honduran high school girls yesterday went to their death when the truck in which they were riding crashed into a thousand foot abyss near Sauce, a few miles from here.

Twenty-two were hurt, some seriously and the driver was killed outright. Salvador Gorio, minister of public works, was seriously injured in attempting to reach the bottom of the abyss to aid in extricating the bodies from the wreckage.

It was not known exactly what caused the truck to go over the side of the road, but it was thought the driver's attention was distracted momentarily at a dangerous spot in the road by the laughter and gaiety behind him.

The tragedy overwhelmed this capital with grief. Many of the girls were from well known families. All theatres and concerts were suspended and a national mourning will be declared for the funeral day.

RUSSIA THROWS HINT OF WAR AT CHINESE NATION

"Advices" Foes to Comply
With 3-Day Ultimatum
Following Seizure
of Railroad.

China's Tentative Answer
Said to Be Massing of
Army of 100,000 on
Northern Border.

MOSCOW, July 16.—Despite a general calm in the Russian metropolis after yesterday's mass demonstration against "Chinese fascists," the mood prevailing today in official circles as well as in workers' centers showed plainly that Russia was in earnest in her warning to Chinese authorities over seizure by Manchurians of the Chinese Eastern railway.

Haired of the white guard element, believed to be inciting the Chinese to anti-Russian acts, aggravated Russian resentment at seizure of the railway and expulsion of its Russian officials.

Fully realizing the grave international complications likely to ensue from any determined military move, the responsible communist leadership as well as the rank and file was described in authoritative quarters as determined to dispel ideas abroad that Russia's will to peace was based chiefly on fear and realization of economic weakness.

The war-hunt issued by the central executive committee, commenting this morning on the mass demonstration at Moscow and throughout the soviet union, and concentrated on the ultimatum Russia might take if a satisfactory reply is not given to her note to China.

"Our love for peace is not absolute and is not unlimited," the newspaper remarks. "Defending peace, we simultaneously defend the work for which we are ready to give our all. But if we are forced to spend our socialist toil in other ways, then energy now concentrated on rebuilding construction will form a firm foundation for resisting the violators of our rights."

"We advise our enemies not only in Manchuria but throughout China, not only in the east but throughout the west, to hearken to the voice of soviet Russia. "As for those to whom the note of July 13 was addressed, let them after hearing the storm in the soviet union, zealously re-read our diplomatic note and its minimum demands. In the face of the menacing force awakened within the confines of the soviet union, they ought to comprehend the nature of the reply due at Moscow not later (Continued on page 4)

CARNIVAL ATTACHE DIES IN GEARS OF MERRY-GO-ROUND

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 16.—While his young wife stood helplessly by, Harold Eugene Reed, 29, of Yakima, Wash., was ground to death in the gears of a carnival merry-go-round at Elgin, Ore., last night.

Reed, operator of another concession, went on top of the merry-go-round. It was said to aid in finding lightning trouble. He slipped, struck the large gears, and was rolled through them. His back was broken and he was terribly mangled.

Reed was married nine months ago. He started his carnival career in April of this year, three weeks ago joining the Wrightsman Amusement company.

MEN WANTED FOR DRAIN ROBBERY HELD IN EUREKA

Three men who have been sought on a charge of burglarizing the Drain garage Saturday night, have been arrested at Eureka, California, according to word received by Sheriff Jackson this morning.

The men entered the garage during Saturday night and took four tires, some small change from the till, tools, auto supplies and a set of license plates. They put the plates on their own car, and it is believed that the machine they were driving was stolen. Part of the loot was recovered when they were arrested. Their case will be taken over by the government, as they are claimed to have robbed the post office at Eureka and it was for that crime that they were taken into custody.

DOUGLAS COUNTY NATIVE SUICIDES AT MARSHFIELD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 16.—J. E. Fitzgerald, 65, shot himself to death early today at his home. Four years ago he suffered a fractured skull in a fall off the roof of his barn and he had been dependent since that time. Loss of three daughters by death in recent years is believed to have added to his despondency.

Fitzgerald's body was discovered this morning by his wife after he failed to return from the pasture, where he went to milk the cows.

J. E. Fitzgerald, reported a suicide in the above dispatch, was born at Flournoy Valley, Douglas county, the son of pioneer parents. He had been a resident of Coos county for about twenty years past. His surviving widow is also a member of a pioneer family of that locality, Huntley by name.

JUNIOR LEAGUE SEMI FINALS TO BE PLAYED HERE

The semi-finals between Eugene and Medford teams in the Junior baseball league will be played at Roseburg tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Eugene has won the championship of district No. 6 and Medford of district No. 8 and these two teams are to play for the right to enter the finals at Portland on August 3. In order to secure a neutral place for their contest, the team managers asked the use of the Roseburg diamond, as it is centrally located, and both teams will be here tomorrow morning ready to participate in the game.

Medford won the championship of district No. 8 by defeating Roseburg 15 to 14 in a loosely played game, and winning over Marshfield by a score of 8 to 5 in a hot contest. Eugene beat Lebanon 6 to 4. Both the Eugene and Medford teams are made up of excellent players, and spectators at the game tomorrow should see an exciting game of baseball.

The Junior league is sponsored by the American Legion and is composed of teams of young players from the various cities of the nation. Eliminations are conducted by districts, states and zones, until a national winner is secured.

An admission price of 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children will be charged for the game tomorrow to aid in defraying the expenses of the two teams.

OREGON HUNTER IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Fred Arzner, of Riddle who is in the employ of the state game warden, is dangerously ill after the game commission, is critically ill at the Mercy hospital. An expert mountain lion and cougar hunter Mr. Arzner has no less than 14 lion scalps to his credit, as well as numerous wildcats.

Fred Arzner is a native son of Riddle and was the incentive of a full page article in the magazine section of the Oregonian on last Sunday.

Present-Day Evils, Including "Sad Experiment" Of Dry Law, Rapped At Catholic Convention

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., July 16.—Shows and movies which appeal to the senses, immodesty of dress of the women, sensuous literature, crime advertising, the modern dances, drinking, company keeping and close acquaintanceship, the divorce evil, and indifference in religious matters are among the problems youth is confronted with in the modern world, said Rev. Gregory Robl, O. S. B. of Portland, in his address Tuesday afternoon before the national convention of the Catholic central society of America.

"The theater, the show and the movies appeal to the eye and charm the young men and the young women. Many are the shows that send poisoned shafts to the depth of the soul of the impressionable adolescent. The age in which we live is a material and sensual age. It de-Christianizes the spirit," said Father Gregory. "The beauty which the movies depict so appealingly is unreal and deceiving."

"What remedy may be proposed? Abstinence? That is impossible. Constant and grave warnings against the deceptive character of evil shows are the steady vigilance of parents and pastors must be invoked."

"The immodesty of dress of women is a constant moral danger to the innocence of the young man. A good woman is naturally modest. It is an encouraging sign that Christian mothers are handing together to remedy this shocking evil."

"Our modern dances harbor great danger to the innocence of our young people. Entirely forbid (Continued on page 3)

U. S. FARM BODY SETTLES DOWN TO HUGE TASKS

Confronted With Requests
For Assistance Out of
Half Billion Fund
From Congress.

Stabilizing of Cooperative
Bodies and Relief for
Growers This Year
Heads Agenda.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, July 16.—The selection of a representative of the wheat growing industry for the federal farm board may require from two to three weeks more study of available appointees by President Hoover.

Organization work was completed by the farm board today with formal ratification of the selection by President Hoover of James C. Stone, of Lexington, Ky., as vice chairman.

Alexander H. Legge, of Chicago, representative of business, the chairman of the board, had the members together early for another long session.

The board is meeting in executive sessions and there is no indication that it will open its doors for hearings in the near future.

Aid This Year, Hope
Confronted with a number of requests for aid from representatives of various commodities besides wheat out of the \$500,000,000 now available and the \$350,000,000 additional authorized by congress, the seven men who have given up their private connections in business and agriculture to attack the "multitude of agricultural problems," lost no time in beginning with Secretary Hyde as ex-officio colleague, the "long and hard" work before them.

The "hope," as Legge cautiously phrased it, to get something done which will be of benefit to the producers of this year's crops.

Within a few hours after they were formally organized yesterday in the White House, and before their second meeting with President Hoover at dinner last night, they were established in temporary quarters in the Mayflower hotel. Today they had at their disposal a corps of stenographers and, as the secretary to the board, Chris L. Christensen, (Continued on page 5)

WEALTHY BUSINESS MAN HELD SUICIDE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, July 16.—The body of Addison Richards, 50, of Oakland, was found today in brush on the outskirts of Artesia, the Los Angeles office was informed. Richards was described as a wealthy Oakland business man and a representative of a New York packing house. Artesia police said the man apparently committed suicide.

CRASH OF AUTOS PUTS COUPLE IN BEND HOSPITAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
BEND, Ore., July 16.—Earl Fraser of Yakima, Wash., suffered a crushed chest, and his wife received a badly fractured leg in an automobile accident ten miles south of Crescent, in Klamath county, yesterday. Both were in hospital here today. Their condition was said to be favorable.

Details of the accident were unknown here and investigation of the wreck was left to Klamath authorities. It was said the Fraser car was struck by a California machine, driven by a man whose name was not learned by traffic officers.

EVELYN NELSON TO TAKE POSITION IN HOOD RIVER CO.

Miss Evelyn Nelson, county health nurse for the past year, has resigned her position, and is leaving within a few days for Rockford, Illinois, where she will visit with her parents for a couple of weeks before returning to Hood River, where she has accepted a position as county health nurse. She will assume her new duties the first of August. Miss Nelson has been a very efficient worker and has made many friends in this county, who will regret her departure. She has accomplished some extremely valuable work, particularly in the little mother, home hygiene and nursing classes that she has conducted, as well as in the school work in which she has engaged.

Miss Agnes Pitchford and her mother, Mrs. V. M. Pitchford, returned last night from Newport, where they enjoyed a week at the beach. They were accompanied by Miss Pitchford's nephew, William Welch, who was joined by his parents at Newport and returned to his home in Portland after visiting here for some time.

VANCOUVER FACES THREAT OF LOSING ARMY BARRACKS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
VANCOUVER, Wash., July 16.—The possibility that Vancouver Barracks, an army post since 1849, might be abandoned and the fifty officers and 930 enlisted men garrisoned there, moved to Fort Lewis, Wash., was suggested here last night by Brigadier General James H. Reeves, commandant, in addressing the chamber of commerce. General Reeves upbraided the city for attempting through federal legislation to gain control of a narrow strip of land separating the barracks from the river.

The city plans to erect a line of wharves along the strip of land. The officers, General Reeves explained, make their homes near the barracks and would not care to be situated near a line of docks. He also attacked the city for cutting a street through the barracks and for attempts to so plot another street. General Reeves declared Fort Lewis, with 96,000 acres of ground, would make an ideal place for training troops. Vancouver Barracks, on the other hand, he said, is crowded, and even if it were decided to abandon it, the third division headquarters with a personnel of 75 officers and 150 men, could be exchanged for the Seventh Infantry now occupying the post.

The general said removal of the Seventh Infantry would take an annual payroll of \$1,500,000 from the city.

SORORITY HOUSES NOT TAX EXEMPT, HIGH COURT SAYS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., July 16.—Legal non-payment of taxes on grounds that the property is a "benevolent, charitable, literary and scientific society" does not apply to fraternity and sorority houses, according to an opinion of the supreme court today, affirming Judge L. H. McMahon of the lower court for Marion county in the case of Kappa Gamma Rho, appellant, against Marion county. The opinion was written by Chief Justice C. Shaw.

The fraternity is a Greek letter society of Willamette University students, and is incorporated. Quoting from the fraternity's articles of incorporation, the opinion says: "There is nothing in this statement of the business, object or purpose of plaintiff that constitutes either benevolence, charity, literature or science. The statement of the business of plaintiff indicates clearly that it is a corporation for the benefit and convenience of its members. It has no legal connection with Willamette university. Its members are attending that institution. They are attending as students, not as philanthropic men of letters or scientists."

LEAD POISON IN ICE CREAM KILLS PORTLAND WOMAN

PORTLAND, Ore., July 16.—An hour after she ate some home-made ice cream, Mrs. May Smith, 34, died in a hospital here today. Hospital physicians diagnosed the cause of death as lead poisoning from the ice cream. An autopsy was ordered here and an investigation will be made of circumstances of the case.

COOLIDGE WILL BOOST INSURANCE WITH PEN

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—Announcement was made today that former President Calvin Coolidge will contribute to the August number of the University Placement Review an article concerning the value of life insurance in its relations to the individual citizen. The magazine is published quarterly by the University of Pennsylvania's placement service and is devoted to articles gratuitously contributed by men and women who hold positions of prominence in various lines of industry.

PAWS OF KITTENS LIKE HUMAN HANDS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 16.—Kittens with forepaws resembling human hands are the latest addition to the world of freaks. Mrs. Roy Cederstrom of Coos Bay today told of the birth of four kittens, each with their forepaws flattened. Some, she said, have as many as four "fingers" and each has a sort of thumb.

Other than walking with flat fore feet in a peculiar manner, the kittens are normal. Mrs. Cederstrom said.