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THE WEATHER Portland (AP)—Fair tonight and Friday excepting cloudy near the coast. Maximum temperature in La Grande yesterday—73 degrees above.

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SENATOR LA FOLLETTE DEAD

EUGENE MAN INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Harvey L. Homewood, 48, at Hospital Today; Condition Grave

CAR PLUNGED OFF FORTY-FOOT GRADE

Physicians Doubtful as to Whether He Will Survive; Wife on Way to La Grande.

Harvey L. Homewood, about 48 years of age, of Eugene, Oregon, is lying at the Grande Rouge hospital today in a very serious condition as the result of an auto wreck at Dead Man's Pass, near Meacham, on the Old Oregon Trail yesterday afternoon about 3:15 o'clock. Homewood's skull is fractured and he also sustained minor bruises and cuts. Physicians today are doubtful as to whether he will survive. He has been unconscious since yesterday.

Homewood was returning to Eugene in his Chalmers car from west of his mother a short time ago. According to Claude Simons, Peabody-La Grande stage driver, who found the man, Homewood must have been driving too fast to take the turn and his car plunged over a 40-foot grade probably some 200 feet from the top of the cliff.

Homewood was thrown 20 feet from the car, landing on a pile of rocks. His hat, which was purchased at Baker yesterday, was found several feet farther on.

The car that he was driving is a total wreck. The top and windshield was shattered almost beyond recognition and the body of the machine was badly damaged.

Simons, driving an empty bus, was returning to La Grande from Peabody and saw the car at the bottom of the grade about 2:45 yesterday. He investigated and found the man but had to wait until tourists arrived before taking him to the bus. Homewood

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W. LEOBETTER GETS DAMAGES

W. R. Leobetter, plaintiff, was awarded \$400 damages by the circuit court yesterday. Mr. Leobetter sued C. M. Butler for \$1000 damages done to a car in an accident. The case closed the June term of the circuit court for the time being and the jury resumed subject to call at a later date in event any more cases are set.

Daily Vacation Bible School Ends Tomorrow

The sessions of the Daily Vacation Bible School will come to a close Friday noon of this week. It has been a most successful school, and the results of its work will be made public at a demonstration service, Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist Church, pastor Bert A. Powell, superintendent. The public is urged to attend this service and witness the work that has been carried on during the past four weeks with the boys and girls of our city.

A practice meeting of the children was held yesterday in the church. The lower floor was filled with the children, presenting an impressive sight. The program included memory work in the Scriptures, dramatizations of Bible stories and character situations, and songs. Besides the formal program, the hand work which the children have done will be on display. This includes projects in paper work and drawing for the little folks, sewing, soap work, basket making, and book binding. At this meeting also there will be reports made by the representatives of the various churches.

Legion Show Opens Here This Evening

Hopes Held That Two Thousand Will Visit "Yankee Parade" on the Opening Night.

"Yankee Parade," the American Legion entertainment which opens a three day run this evening in the Brough Building, might be termed a French show with an American accent.

Tues. Francaise, Oul, but the American idea of providing an honest-to-goodness entertainment dominates the entire scheme of the show. Everything possible to provide amusement for the guests has been done.

Under one roof one finds dancing, music, stage entertainment, music, song, a French Cafe with petite maitresses to wait on the tables and amuse guests, exhibitions by merchants and many other things equally diverting.

The show is well named "Yankee Parade" for it is being put on by ex-doughboys who are constructing the settings and the entertainment to conform to their ideas of what a parade was like in the war days long since gone.

Dancing is expected to be one of the popular features of the show due to the special arrangement of the P-I-D Pipe, a red hot band direct from the University of Oregon campus which will play dance music to make the feet tingle along the latest and most improved lines.

Again along the line of what has been aptly termed eye and ear entertainment, Mrs. Fred Wolla will present a group of 25 girls in 12 acts of ballet dancing, four acts of which will be given each night. The orchestra will work in conjunction with Mrs. Wolla on this feature.

Many Comedians. For thirty and even hungrier persons Monsieur J. H. Soudras' Parisian Cafe will prove a veritable oasis. This Parisian Cafe has a genuine bar with every appliance.

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Cochran Makes First Loan to Collegian

As Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Oregon, George T. Cochran and the honor of making the first loan to a college student from the newly organized Loan Fund of the lodge. The loan was made to a student of the Oregon Agricultural College.

Union Rancher Taken; Bonds Set at \$250.00

Wade Sheldon, a rancher of Union was arrested last night charged with driving a car while in an intoxicated condition. His preliminary hearing was held this morning and bonds set at \$250 by Judge Hugh E. Brady of the justice court. The arrest was made by Jess Brecheers, county sheriff.

Picture School to Be Staged in La Grande

The library, assisted by the art department of the Neighborhood club, will conduct a picture school, beginning Saturday, June 20, and continuing through the summer months. The opening of school is September. Prints of one hundred masterpieces will be hanging in the library at all times for study. On each Saturday during the picture school stories for the children and lectures for the high school students will be given by qualified instructors. All those wishing to enroll in the school and avail themselves of this opportunity of studying pictures, should apply to the librarians at once. If a sufficient number apply the classes will be graded. This opportunity is offered as a preparatory step leading to the first annual contest which will take place in January as was scheduled at the opening of the picture library. To a school interest a minor contest will be held at the close of the summer school. The winners will receive picture as prizes.

PAR, BETTER BIDS MADE ON BONDS

City Commissioners Receive Four Offers for \$360,000 Block

2 BIDS HELD FOR CONSIDERATION

Special Meeting of Commissioners Under Way This Afternoon to Decide Upon Matter.

Par and better bids were received by the city commissioners last evening in reference to the sale of \$360,000 in bonds for a storm sewer system, sewage disposal plant, water system and fire department equipment and housing for four different Portland companies, represented by bondmen from the various firms.

The upshot of the matter was the retention of two bids for further consideration. A special meeting of the commission which will begin shortly before the evening Observer goes to press and at this time a decision upon which bid is to be accepted will probably result.

The two bids kept were: Laird & Titton Bank and Mythe, Witter company, 101.01 at five per cent interest on the entire stock of bonds; Western Bond and Mortgage and Ralph Schmeckel company, par bid on \$185,000 at 4.75 per cent and \$175,000 at 4.75 per cent.

The two bids rejected were: Lumbermen's Trust company and Pierce, Fair and Co., of Portland, 101 at five per cent on the entire block and Freeman, Smith, Camp & Company and Ferris Hartridge, of Portland, 106.83 at five per cent on the entire block.

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EVEN BREAK IS EXPECTED NOW

UNION, Ore. (Special).—With sale receipts and appropriations now totaling about \$100,000, the stock show company believe that they will just about break even this year. They estimate that the expense of putting on the three-day show will be not far from twelve thousand dollars. One of the big expense items is the feed bill, with over 700 head of stock on the grounds and feed for all of them during the show days, this item alone will run over a thousand dollars. Advertising, prizes, etc., were heavy and, although the second and third days were good ones with the grandstand filled both Thursday and Friday, the management figure that they will be fortunate if they break, even or have only a slight deficit to face when the bills are all paid.

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C.C. Faiman Testifies In Murder Trial

Witness Allowed to Take Stand Over Bitter Protest of the Defense Counsel.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—His sponsorship relinquished by the prosecution, which for many weeks had him under close guard as its proclaimed chief witness, the court today called Charles C. Faiman as witness in the Shepherd murder trial.

The step was taken over the bitter protest of the defense, which argued that the move would prejudice the jury and open up avenues for cross-examination for the state which would otherwise be denied.

Makes Accusation. Faiman attacked immediately into his accusation of William Darling Shepherd, accused of the murder of William McClinton, "millionaire orphan."

WEST RANGES SHOW UP WELL

PORTLAND, Ore.—Ranges generally are in good condition throughout the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast states and the drought in the southwest has been temporarily relieved by rains in most sections with the outlook on June 1, generally more favorable than a month ago, according to the monthly range and livestock report issued by the United States Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

Range conditions are especially favorable in the northern and far western states, Montana, Idaho and Oregon all reporting a condition over 100 per cent of normal. California, Nevada, Wyoming and Nebraska all report a condition of 95 or better. While grass is making but little growth at present in portions of Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota and Kansas because of insufficient moisture, pastures are not yet showing any serious deterioration. Recent rains have relieved the situation in Texas and have insured a good season except in the south or coast districts where moisture is still deficient. Some rains are reported for New Mexico and Arizona but range conditions continue poor in much of these states except in northwestern Arizona where marked improvement is noted. The range conditions for the seventeen western states averages 86 per cent of normal compared with 82 a month ago and 84 a year ago. The drought has not yet had its full effect in the dry sections and the first cutting of alfalfa will be short.

Cattle Improving. Little have not yet had time to show much improvement, the average condition for the entire range country being 87 compared with 86 last month and 90 a year ago. Cattle are improving in most of Texas due to better range conditions, and browse in southern Arizona will care for the cattle until summer rains come. A further slight decline is noted in New Mexico and feeding is necessary in some sections. Except in drought areas of the southwest, a fair to good calf crop is generally indicated with losses light.

The condition of sheep is very good, averaging 95 per cent of normal compared with 93 a month ago.

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Hours Ahead Of Others

When big news breaks, such as the death of Senator La Follette and the return of Amundsen from the Arctic, you have the information in The Observer hours ahead of any other newspaper seeking to serve the La Grande territory.

Abdel Krim's Forces Repulsed by French

FEZ, French Morocco (By the Associated Press).—Violent attacks by Abdel Krim's enemy tribesmen have been repulsed by the French with considerable losses, today's official communique said.

AMUNDSEN AND PARTY 'COME HOME'

Polar Flyers Arrived at Spitzbergen Today, Reports Say.

ALL 6 MEMBERS OF FLIGHT SAFE

Epoch-Making Journey into the Frozen Arctic Comes to End with Arrival at Northern Port.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—The North American Newspaper Alliance announced today that Ronald Amundsen has returned to Spitzbergen from his polar flight.

Bernon S. Prentice, brother-in-law of Lincoln Ellsworth, co-leader of the expedition, said he received word that all six members of the expedition returned safely.

The above announcement, although lacking in complete details, gives the impression that the Amundsen-Ellsworth expedition, the absence of which has been stirring the world for weeks, won its way back to Spitzbergen.

This belief is held here because ocean flyers, who started days ago have not yet had time to return to their base. In fact, every indication seems to point to their return by air.

FOREIGNERS ARE STONED

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press).—Wireless from China today says that the situation there is critical. The British consul has been forced to leave the consulate and take up residence in the Legation temple. British nationals have been stoned in the streets, the message read.

200,000 of Two Million Children Born to Die

MINNEAPOLIS (By the Associated Press).—"Of the 2,000,000 children born during the year 1922, 200,000 will die before they are 14 years of age, of these 80,000 will die of preventable diseases." This statement by Miss Mary Van Zile of Oklahoma City, made before the session of the National Tuberculosis association at their annual convention here today was used to emphasize the need for a more general knowledge of the health of children on the part of all nurses doing work with families.

ITALY WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON WAR DEBTS

ROME (By the Associated Press).—Premier Mussolini today officially notified the United States and Great Britain that Italy is ready to open war debt negotiations.

Utilization of Inland Waterways Suggested

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (AP) (Special).—To reduce the spread in prices between what the American consumer gets and the ultimate consumer has to pay—to give the former more for his product and the latter his living at lower cost—has got back to our old-time utilization of the country's inland waterways.

45 Killings Stopped By Communities

Churches' Report Shows That Lynchings During Past Year Showed a Marked Decrease.

WASHINGTON (Special).—Forty-five communities prevented lynchings in 1924 according to a report to be issued shortly by the Commission on Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches.

Prevention played a big part in the reduction of the number of lynchings in the United States to 18 last year, the lowest figure since records have been kept.

In 1914 there were 52 persons reported lynched and 17 reported preventions of lynching," says the report. "That is, there were more than three times as many lynchings as there were instances of lynching being prevented."

In 1924, ten years later, the opposite was true. There were reported 45 instances of prevention of lynching and 16 reported cases of lynching." This means that in 1924 there were 88 attempts at lynching, 52 of which were successful, and that in 1924 there were 51 attempts at lynching, 45 of which were prevented by the foresight, energy and courage of public officials.

In the prevention of lynching the report points out that sometimes the sheriffs or other officials risked their lives to protect their prisoners so that they might be given a legal trial. In other cases, requiring more moral courage, sheriffs and other officials opened fire on friends and neighbors when it became necessary to save their charges. In some other cases lynchings were prevented by public officials who promptly removed prisoners committed to their care from communities in which the crime was committed and so prevented lynchings.

TWO CITIES IN NEED OF HELP

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special).—Following is a report according to districts or localities of seasonal employment conditions in Oregon, compiled by C. H. Green, chairman of the seasonal employment commission, affiliated with the United States department of labor.

Portland—Calls for berry pickers and for help at berry packing plants, both here and nearby districts. No further curtailment in logging camps has been reported and labor turnover in the industry has been small. Several operations remains unchanged. Building activity continues unabated with sufficient help to fill all demands.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE STONED

The shipping strike here was made more serious today when coolies and blightermen struck at the Pootung wharf.

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La Follette



Senator Robert M. La Follette, who died at Washington at 1:21 o'clock this afternoon after a desperate battle with death.

XTRA

MRS. CUSHOW PASSES. SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Mrs. O. P. Cushow, 59, wife of Justice Cushow of the Oregon supreme court, died suddenly at their home here today following a stroke of paralysis. She was a sister of State Treasurer Kay.

50 MEN FINED. CHICAGO (AP)—Fifty defendants, indicted in the recent furniture case under the Sherman anti-trust law, pleaded guilty today and were fined a total of \$106,000, by Federal Judge Chitt.

NEGRO LYNCHED. SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Robert Marshall, a negro, who Monday shot and fatally wounded City Marshal Milton Burns, at Castle Gate, Utah, was hanged by a mob near Castle Gate today, according to advise received here.

MT. HOOD LOOP IS OPEN. HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Mount Hood Loop road is now open for travel.

Temporary Bridge Opened. SALEM, Ore.—The state highway commission has announced that a temporary bridge has been constructed over the Chetco river at Brookings, Curry county, and is now open for traffic. The bridge will obviate the necessity of ferrying across the river. The old bridge collapsed a few weeks ago.

SECOND BENNETT DANCE. The Women's Community club of Meacham will give the second of a series of benefit dances at their hall in Meacham Saturday night. These dances are given to furnish a fund to erect a monument to the unknown dead of the Old Oregon Trail, at Meacham.

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The suggestion is that Gen. T. G. Ashburn's Ashburn was chairman of Inland Waterways Corporation, created by Congress a year ago—a government enterprise, but intended to be run governmentally only with a view to demonstrating "the feasibility and economic value of water transportation."

It is their encouragement the re-establishment of private corporations upon our navigable streams and canals, operating common carriers which will be of mutual benefit to the public and themselves.

American General Ashburn resurveys in a pamphlet he has issued through the government, has experienced two phases of transportation and is entering on a third.

The first was the wagon and water stage; the second, rail; to

day we need every available transportation means—the automobile, air—we already are using or beginning to use all these—and water.

This latter method we abandoned during the period of our great railroad development but ought to be getting back to for the handling of bulk freight, because "it is the cheapest means of transportation known."

To show how very much cheaper water is than anything else the general cities figures gathered in connection with his operation of the government's experimental Warrior River and Louisiana and Alabaster coastal lines. The following is typical:

"When I tell you that a large manufacturing concern of Alabama, which uses a certain kind of ore in its manufacture, and needs its own mines of this ore in the state of Alabama, can get the same ore from Sweden, transport it by sea to Mobile, thence by Air, and deliver it at its plant cheaper than it can produce its own ore at its own mines, and transport it by rail to its manufacturing, it will be brought home to you that there is something vitally wrong in

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DEATH CALL ANSWERED AT 1:21 P.M.

La Follette Lost Ground This Morning in Desperate Battle

WAS POLITICALLY PROMINENT IN U.S.

Led Third Party in Last Presidential Election; Famous as "Insurgent" Leader.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Senator Robert M. La Follette, for many years the stormy petrel of American politics, died here today. Death resulted at 1:21 o'clock this afternoon from heart failure induced by a general breakdown and an attack of bronchial asthma.

La Follette began failing even before the last presidential campaign in which he was a candidate. Several weeks ago he contracted a severe cold which developed into asthma. His heart, unable to stand the strain, gave way during the night and he sank rapidly after daylight today.

Suffered Greatly. La Follette has long been a victim of angina pectoris and this, with the asthmatic attack, caused him to suffer greatly during his illness.

After all the storms of his career he passed away quietly, surrounded by members of his family. He was conscious almost to the last but for several hours had been unable to speak above a

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RAIL MEN SEEK HIGHER WAGES

CLEVELAND (By the Associated Press).—The chairman's association of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railroad Conductors will hold a joint division meeting in November to consider seeking a wage increase from about 200 lines for trainmen and conductors, it was announced today.

The amount of the increase to be asked has not been announced, but President Lee, of the trainmen, said the wage reduction to railroad men in 1921 amounted to about 12 percent, approximately 64 cents a day and that last year's increase approximated five percent, and that the request for an increase would probably be at least enough to make up the 1921 reduction.