

MERCURY AT 102 HERE YESTERDAY

Warmest Weather for the Grande Ronde Valley Since July 27, 1920

SHOWERS COOLED LA GRANDE SOME

Heat Is Said to Be Further Damaging Some Grain Fields; Full Reports Are Lacking.

MERCURY HEADINGS Maximum yesterday 102 5 P. M. yesterday 83 Minimum yesterday 58 9:30 A. M. today 92

La Grande experienced the warmest weather in five years yesterday when, despite thunder showers in the afternoon, the mercury climbed to 102 above, according to an official reading of the government thermometer at the fire station.

On July 27, 1920 the mercury reached 102 above and last year the 100 mark was reached once. June 25, this year, 100 was registered and day before yesterday the century mark was achieved again.

The minimum during the evening, however, was 58 degrees above, not warm enough to cause discomfort.

47 inches rain fell. The showers, which fell yesterday about 2 o'clock or a little after, were brief but intense. Forty-seven hundredths inches fell.

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MENEFEE WILL AGAIN OPERATE

The Menefee Lumber Company, located at Lone Tree, east of La Grande, will resume operations on Monday with one shift of men, according to announcement by the company this morning.

The company closed down prior to July Fourth for repairs and with these completed, the officials expect the operations to continue through the remainder of the summer at least.

ORGANIST TO PLAY SUNDAY

James H. Shearer, Scottish organist, and Annie Shener, Canadian soprano, have been engaged to give one of their unique organ and voice concerts in the Presbyterian church here Sunday evening at eight o'clock, according to announcement today.

Press notices of recent concerts speak of these artists in the highest terms and those sponsoring their appearance, feel that La Grande is assured of an inspiring concert.

80 Arrests By County Officers In Half Year

Although 1925 has not been a year of an exceptionally large number of law violations, Jess Bronsberg, county sheriff and his deputies, have made 80 arrests since shortly after the first of the year. The number would exceed this to some extent for the first six months of the year but only the arrests that have placed prisoners in the county jail pending trial or to serve terms.

Of the 80 men (and a few women) arrested by the officers, 15 were convicted and committed to the jail to serve terms. Of these Frank Bartemese drew the longest sentence in actual effect with one fine of \$150 for the possession of liquor and one of \$1,000 for operation of a still. He is to serve three out of the five of two dollars a day but recently freed of the confinement and paid the rest of his fine in cash to the justice of the peace.

Large Crowd At Pioneer Picnic Here

Dunham Wright of Medical Springs, Elected President of the Union County Pioneer Association.

With a larger crowd in attendance than for many years—the Annual Pioneer meeting held at Riverside park yesterday was very successful. The meeting opened at 11 o'clock with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," by all present, after which Dunham Wright gave the address of welcome.

Officials were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Dunham Wright; vice president, Mrs. Julius Towech; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Golden and historian, Mrs. Edith Gekeler. At noon a large crowd gathered for the picnic lunch.

After lunch, starting at 2 o'clock an excellent program was given, Miss LaNita Gaskill sang two numbers and responded with an encore. Dr. W. T. Pity gave the main address of the afternoon. His subject was "Pioneers and Sons and Daughters of Pioneers," and his talk was splendid. Dunham Wright spoke for a short time about a joint pioneer meeting with Walla Walla county to be held in the future. Mrs. Harriett McDonald re-

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BARTH ARRIVES IN LA GRANDE

Al Barth is back! The ex-Pirate catcher showed up in La Grande this morning looking none the worse for his experience of about two weeks in the hospital as a result of a pitched ball which hit him on the head in the game at Baker the Fourth of July.

Some smile, some wince and all the same little mannerisms which helped make Barth one of the most popular ball players who ever wore a La Grande uniform are still in evidence.

Barth is still weak and the doctor forbids him to talk much but naturally his friends won't let him alone and everywhere he goes he is surrounded by fans who want to shake his hand and talk a while.

Barth's own version of his first night in the hospital at Baker came to light this morning. Barth says he was conscious while the doctors were examining him with the X-ray machine. The physicians thought he was unconscious and so talked freely while the examination was being made. Barth said that about this time he got discouraged after listening for a while to what the doctors had to say about his condition.

Barth left the hospital several days or weeks before he had been expected to. For the last few days he has been staying at the hotel in Baker. His future plans are indefinite but of course he will not be able to do any more ball playing this season.

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Dog Ordinance Went Into Effect Today

The ordinance, passed June 17 by the city commission, restricting running at large of dogs in La Grande between 6 o'clock in the evening until 9 o'clock the following morning, went into effect this morning.

Dogs may run at large now only between 9 a. m. and 9 p. m.

BRANCH FARMERS GET HELP FROM UNION COUNTY

ENTERPRISE, Ore.—Special to the Observer.—With hay in full swing and grain harvest just over the hill, labor is scarce in Wallowa county and farmers have been constrained to pay higher wages than prevail in other parts of the inland Empire. This is, presumably, a natural result of the drift away from the county which has been going on for eight years, states a local paper.

Several farmers have gone to Union county where they have picked up crews readily. Wages for hay-cutting have been \$2.50 a day in Umatilla and Union counties, and this was the starting point in Wallowa county. But help was so scarce that some farmers have paid \$2 and up, depending on the skill of the men hired.

If more men can be induced to come into the county from outside districts where work is scarce and idle men are numerous, wages will drop here to the level paid elsewhere. But grain harvest is now beginning in the wheat belt of Umatilla, Walla Walla and Whitman counties, and they will not release many, if any workers, until autumn.

FIRES IN WALLOWA FORESTS

Ten Blazes Reported on Upper Innaha; Lightning Held Cause

TOTAL NUMBER 18; ALL CONTROLLED

New Lookout Station Placed at Harl Butte by Forest Service; All Rangers on Alert.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Fires broke out in a number of places in the forests during the past few days with the increase of the dry season. Ten fires were reported on the upper Innaha and one on South Fork as a result of the severe electric storm Friday evening. Fires are also reported from the Whitman forest just across the forest boundary. All the 13 fires were small, and are practically all out, due to the efficient work of the forest guards. The fire up the South Fork region was near the summit west of the pole bridge.

During severe electric storms the lightning plays around the peaks, and if the storm is not accompanied by much rain, there is a likelihood that a number of small fires would be started. As they are usually in isolated spots near the summits there is not as much danger as in the lower places.

New Lookout Station.—The forest service has established another lookout station at Harl Butte above Moor Flat. This commands much of the upper Innaha and Big Sheep creek country. A house is being built on the prominence, and Curtis Christy will be stationed as lookout.

A 30-acre slash fire is burning in the Bowman-Hicks logging area near Maxville. A spark from a locomotive is believed to have started the blaze which kindled Sunday. The fire is well under control, the section crew having it corralled.

A fire has been burning since July 13th in the sawdust at the old Huber place up Bear creek. While the smoldering flames are isolated somewhat from the timber, they require watching. Sawdust fires are very hard to put out, as water cannot soak into the burning part before the material is dried out. It is likely that the fire will burn all summer.

Permits Required.—Both the county fire protective association and the forest service are making every effort for the protection of the forests. While the situation will not become critical for two weeks, campfire permits are required of all who build open fires in the national forest.

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Governor Pierce Asks For the Full Penalty

SALLEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Governor Pierce in a statement today, makes a plea that the courts of the state enforce the drunken driver act of the 1925 legislature and not substitute charges of "reckless driving" for "driving while intoxicated."

The governor said he did not want it to become necessary to call on the attorney general to appear as prosecutor in these cases.

Receipt of letters asking executive clemency in two cases of violation of law and several complaints that the courts are substituting lesser charges caused the governor to make the statement.

A Question Of Value

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FIVE SLAIN BY STORMS, LIGHTNING

Wire Service Crippled; Crops Reported Destroyed in the East

PITTSBURG MAN KILLED AT RADIO

Lightning, Striking National Guard Camp in Pennsylvania, Stunned and Burned Several.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Terrific electrical and rain storms have taken five lives, uprooted trees, unroofed buildings in many towns, destroyed crops and crippled wire service in the east.

Two Wheeling, W. Va. men were drowned in the open. Torrential rain fell yesterday, sweeping out small bridges and undermining roads.

Radio Death.—One Pittsburgh man was about to tune his radio when lightning struck an aerial and killed him. Lightning also killed an Ogdensburg, N. Y. farmer.

One man at Aultsville, Ont., plunged madly into the storm with a coat over his head for protection and was killed by a motorist.

Tidal waves were reported along the shore of Lake Ontario from Charlotte to Forest Lawn.

Guardsmen Struck.—Lightning struck an encampment of national guardsmen at Mount Gretna, Pa., and stunned and burned several.

A deluge followed the lightning, swamping the camp.

GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT FATAL TO FIVE PEOPLE

BILLINGS, Mont. (By the Associated Press)—Five members of a Santa Rosa, California, family of eight were instantly killed, another fatally injured, and a seventh seriously hurt when the east-bound Burlington train struck a sedan at a grade crossing near here today.

The dead are: RAPHAEL FLECK, father, ROSE FLECK, mother, JOHN, ELEANOR, EDDIE FLECK, children. Maggie Fleck was fatally hurt and Agnes Fleck's arm was broken.

The eighth member of the family, Rosie, 10, saved herself by jumping from the machine when the motor stalled on the track before the oncoming train. The bodies were mangled beyond recognition and the car completely wrecked.

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THOUSANDS OF ELKS PARADE

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press)—Before a crowd, the largest ever assembled on the streets of Portland more than 25,000 members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks participated in one of the great fraternal parades ever staged in this city. It was the final public event of the 61st annual reunion which closed yesterday.

Today the antlered horde is on its way home. From the first to the last, the parade was a colorful event. Philadelphia unquestionably having the most impressive entry, with its motorcycle patrol, string band, honorary guard and drill team.

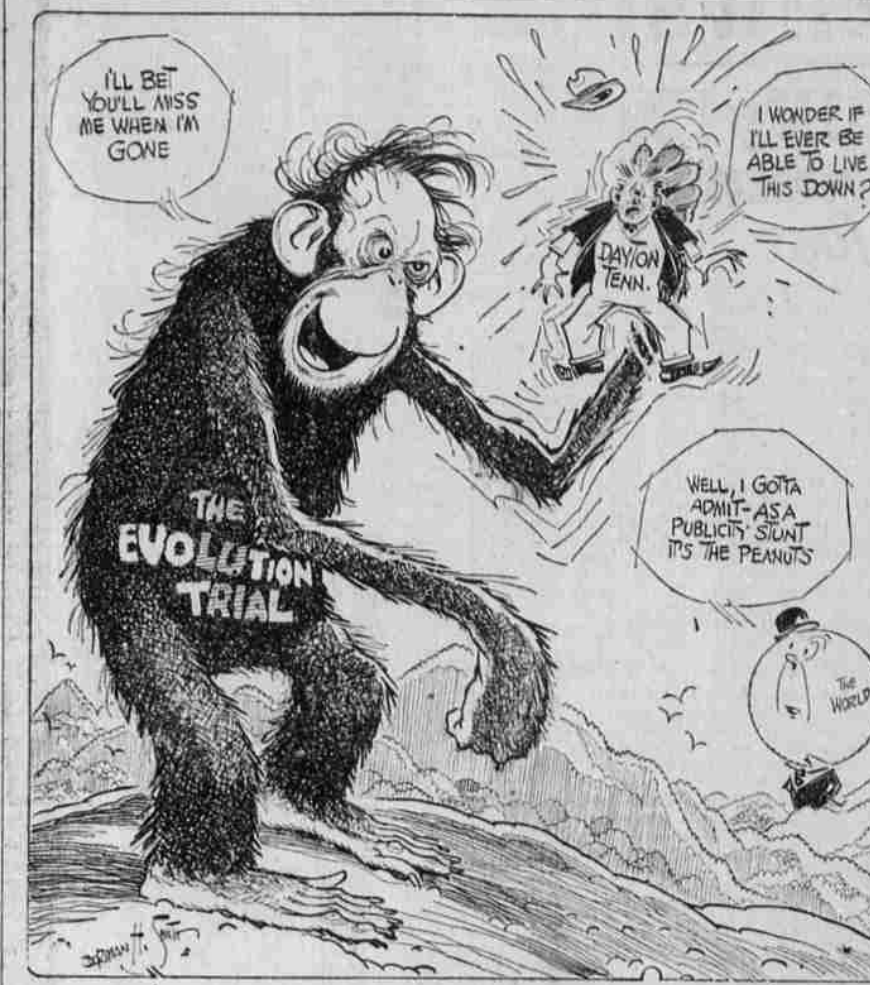
MISSING GIRLS ARE LOCATED

PORTLAND, Ore.—After they had thrown Klamath county into a frenzy of excitement by their disappearance and had been responsible for the stories of murder, abduction, kidnapping and the like, June and Esther Bradshaw, 14 and 12 years of age, who disappeared from their father's sheep camp at Tule Lake June 7, were found late yesterday in a south Portland lodging house and are now in the custody of the women's protective division.

SMALL GRASS FIRE

A small grass fire caused residents of the neighborhood to turn in an alarm from box 24 this morning. The fire truck made the run to the corner of Greenwood and Monroe streets but the fire was under control before the department reached the scene of action and no assistance was necessary. No damage was done.

THE FRANKENSTEIN OF TODAY



GOVERNMENT READY TO ACT

SWAMPSCOTT (By the Associated Press)—The government will take a bond in the anthracite coal field wage negotiations should an agreement not be reached and a strike called September first.

President Coolidge discussed the program the government would pursue in event of a strike at a conference today with Secretary of Labor Davis.

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MANY KILLED BY KRIM ARMY

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—The total French casualties so far in the Moroccan war with Abdel Krim's Rifians was given by the Petit Journal in a Feb dispatch as 4,148. Of these 707 were killed, 2,775 wounded and 666 missing.

French authorities estimate that Abdel Krim has not more than 30 French prisoners. Therefore, those technically listed as missing are regarded as dead.

The Petit Journal's correspondent declares that German aviators are fighting with the Rifians.

Good Cherry Crop Is Reported Near Elgin

ELGIN, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—The cherry crop in the immediate vicinity is reported to be good, while that of the county in general is not so good. Many farmers have brought cherries to town during the past week, as well as those shipped to other markets.

Elgin housewives have been busy this week canning cherries for future consumption.

Gigantic Trade Union Planned by Britishers

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—A conference of trade union executives here today approved plans for a great consolidation alliance embracing millions of British workers including miners, railway men, engineers, ship builders and transport workers.

AGREEMENT REACHED

BRUSSELS (AP)—The Belgian government has agreed with the French and British authorities for early evacuation of Düsseldorf, Dusseldorf, Rithort, simultaneously with the evacuation of other places in the Ruhr valley.

Pioneers of the Past In Class by Themselves

(By Charles F. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—Ex-representatives "Alfalfa Bill" Murray of Oklahoma is disgraced. He writes from South America that friends here that the spirit of the old-time pioneers is dead in North America.

Rome time ago Bill got a land concession in Bolivia—a tract the size of half a dozen Texas counties at least. The plan was to colonize it with a lot of hard-fisted, tough-fibered frontiersmen from the "States"—men of the type of the by-gone "covered wagon" days.

A "Wild West" in short, was what Bill was trying to create. He loved the "wild west" in this country, while it stayed wild, and pined for it as it began to grow more and more domesticated.

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EXPERTS' TESTIMONY IS BARRED

Judge Raulston Decides Matter in Favor of the Prosecution

RULING FOUGHT BY THE DEFENSE

Scopes Evolution Trial to Be Hurried Through; Court Adjourns Until Next Monday.

DAYTON, Tenn. (By the Associated Press)—The Refusal of Judge Raulston to admit religious and scientific testimony into the evidence in the Scopes trial marked the end of the defense's hopes for the trial, defense attorneys said today after court adjournment.

COURT ROOM, DAYTON, Tenn. (By the Associated Press)—Judge Raulston announced this morning that he had decided to exclude scientific testimony from the Scopes trial.

The decision is regarded as having a vital bearing on the length of the trial.

The defense immediately noted an exception to the ruling and the judge ordered it placed on record. "Justice Denied."

Arthur G. Hays, defense counsel, said: "It is a denial of justice to permit the state to make its case on its own evidence. It is contrary to every principle of Anglo-Saxon judicial procedure."

After the decision was handed down, the judge adjourned court until Monday.

The defense is to spend the interval preparing statements for record of what their witnesses would have testified had they taken the stand.

LENINGRAD IS DRAB PICTURE

LENINGRAD (By the Associated Press)—No city in Russia has been more profoundly affected by the revolution and its aftermath than Leningrad, the old capital. Once the "head" of Russia, as Moscow was its "heart," the old St. Petersburg seems even to have lost its intellectual supremacy and its artistic prestige. The city is merely a decaying monument of the past.

The removal of the capital to Moscow would inevitably have spelled Leningrad's doom as a political center, but the metropolis which Peter the Great built more than 200 years ago has greatly deteriorated in other respects. Most of its great public buildings and private mansions are falling into ruin for lack of money with which to repair them. All the fine foreign embassy buildings, including that formerly occupied by the Americans, show the ravages of

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