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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy tonight, probably occasional thunder storms in the mountains in the east.

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IRON WORKS BUSY HERE 2 DECADES

First Foundry Built Across Street From City Hall Building.

15 MEN EMPLOYED DURING SUMMER Payroll Aggregates About \$24,000 a Year; Big Buggy Contract Being Filled at Present.

Editor's Note—This is the seventh of a series of weekly stories touching upon the industrial, agricultural and commercial resources of La Grande, Union and Wallowa counties, now being published in the Evening Observer.

Nearly 21 years ago, back in February, 1905, Dave Fitzgerald came here from Dayton, Wash., and started up the La Grande Iron Works across the street from the city hall building, where the Y. M. C. A. (now Odd Fellows) building stands.

The foundry there was adequate for his business until 1913 when it became necessary to move into larger quarters and that year Mr. Fitzgerald moved to his present location on Cove avenue.

At present the working crew numbers 15 men although only a few weeks ago as high as 29 were employed. During the winter season less than 15 are on the payroll but a safe average is about 14 per year round.

The payroll amounts to about \$2,000 a month or \$24,000 a year, an amount that, circulated in La Grande, does its share to keep up La Grande's prestige as a payroll city.

The La Grande Iron Works biggest jobs come from the sawmills in Union and Wallowa counties.

At present Mr. Fitzgerald has a (Continued on Page Five)

SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY MORN

All material, a full line of new furniture, typewriters and other office equipment has arrived and is now in shape for the opening of the Intermediate Business School Monday morning. This institution has been successful in securing adequate quarters, with good lighting effects. In the Y. M. C. A. building, formerly the Y. M. C. A. and indications are that they will have all necessary equipment and competent instructors.

Meat Company's Supply Of Well Water In Demand

A real service to the community was performed by the Grande Lumber Meat Company in piping the water from their deep well on Jefferson street to the outside sidewalk where it can conveniently be reached by La Grande citizens during the failure of the city water supply to provide the best water for drinking purposes.

Pirates Win First Game In Caldwell

La Grande Takes Lead in Series for Inland Empire Baseball Championship.

CALDWELL, Ida. (Special to the Observer)—La Grande's Pirates, winners in the Blue Mountain League in Oregon, won the first game of a championship series here yesterday, defeating the Caldwell Magicians, Idaho champions, 5 to 2. The second game of the series will be played this afternoon and the third Sunday.

The score was a 2-2 tie when the eighth period opened. Hours, pitcher for the home team, had been struck by a pitched ball, and was groggy. He walked the first man, then Alexander singled. Earwood was put in, despite protests from the stands, and almost at once the team went to pieces and three Pirates crossed the plate.

Spies Hits Homer. Caldwell started a rally in the last half of the inning, but it ended after E. Lowell scored on Kim's two banger. The last inning saw Spies make a home run with two men on bases, ending the scoring. Caldwell went down rapidly in the last half.

La Grande began scoring in the first inning. Sticker singling an out, Spies hit a home run, base hit. Caldwell got in its first count in the third when E. Lowell singled, was advanced to third, and scored on a bunt.

Pitchers' Duel Until Eighth. The game was marked by a high quality of ball for the first seven innings.

Pitchers for both teams worked smoothly, hits were kept at a minimum and errors were few. In the last two periods, however, Caldwell blew up and the game was a riot.

Box Score: La Grande AB R H PO A E; Caldwell AB R H PO A E; Sacrifice Hits - Kerwin, Kim, Parris, Hodges, Stoen; Home Runs - Spies, Hodges; Innings pitched - By Hours 7, Earwood 2, Posbury 2, Spies 2, Parris 1, Earwood 1, Hodges 1, Posbury 1, Earwood 1, Parris 1, Hodges 1.

Two Hailed Before Municipal Tribunal

Henry Bentheim, found guilty in the municipal court yesterday of drunkenness, was sentenced to two days in the city jail by Judge J. D. Slater.

UNION-TELOCASET OILING WORK IS FINISHED TODAY

The oiling of the section of the highway between Union and Telocaset will be completed today, according to announcement from the state highway office this morning. With the hot weather the oil sets rapidly in a short time. This portion of the road will be in excellent condition.

GAS BLAST FIRES CARS AND GARAGE

Loss Estimated at About \$12,000

Fire Occurred Yesterday While Gas Truck Was Emptying Contents Into Storage Tank.

LOSTINE. (Special to the Observer)—The Lefty Parsons garage and seven automobiles were completely destroyed yesterday afternoon by fire here, caused by the explosion of a gasoline storage tank.

Loss About \$12,000. The loss is estimated this morning to be between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The garage building carried \$1,000 insurance.

Lefty Parsons, proprietor of the garage, was slightly burned in attempting to get some of the cars out of the burning garage.

MERCURY HIGH HERE FRIDAY

La Grande experienced another exceptionally warm day yesterday when the mercury climbed to 105 at the hottest hour of the afternoon, tying the mark made in 1921.

RAIN HELPS

Shortly after eleven o'clock this morning the sky became cloudy and at noon a slight rain began to fall. By one o'clock the storm had increased in intensity, bringing with it a corresponding fall in the mercury.

BUSINESS MEN TO VISIT ELGIN

Floyd McKennon, chairman, and Frank Lilly, Frank Robinson and J. G. Snodgrass of the chamber of commerce get acquainted committee have announced the annual get acquainted trip to Elgin with the date Wednesday evening, August 5th.

A Page Of Universal Appeal

The Classified page of The Observer—the Want Ads—is the most interest-compelling page of the paper each day. It offers new variety, new interest that is ever attractive.

Expect Clash In Episcopal Church Meet

Age Old Problem of Form of Government May Be Freshened Out at Convention in New Orleans.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—A clash over the existing form of government in the Episcopal Church is forecast at the General Convention of the Church at New Orleans next October, majority and minority reports on procedural organization made public today indicating a sharp division of sentiment on proposed constitutional changes.

The problem dates back to the formation of the American church in 1785, and has been debated with more or less vigor in every General Convention since 1865. It revolves around the question of a union in the church for strong provincial or regional organizations in various parts of the country composed of dioceses in geographical and sympathetic proximity.

Dee Rogers Arrested On Liquor-Car Charge

Dee Rogers, colored, was arrested by the officers last night charged with driving a car while intoxicated. When arraigned before Judge Hugh E. Brady of the circuit court this morning Rogers has not yet decided on his plea so was released on \$200 bond.

PIONEERS OF WALLOWA MEET

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—What is considered the finest picnic ever given by the Wallowa County Pioneer association was held Thursday at Wallowa Lake park. Nearly six hundred people were in attendance.

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Oregon-Utah Railroad Route Being Planned

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Southern Pacific company, by acquisition of a small railroad in southern Oregon, and another in northeastern California, and construction of a connecting link, plans by means of a connection with the Southern Pacific tracks to effect a through route from Klamath Falls, Ore., to Ogden, Utah, and the east.

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PACIFIC HIGHWAY FINISHED

Last Link in Canada to California Pavement is Completed.

FORMAL OPENING SET FOR AUGUST 7

Several Small Bridges Remain to Be Surfaced But This Will Not Alter Present Plans.

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The Harrisburg-Junction City section of the Pacific Highway, recently paved, will be opened to all traffic August seventh, it has been definitely announced.

CHILD WELFARE LEADER TO TALK AT HEALTH MEET

Dr. Stella Warner, of Portland, head of the child welfare department of Oregon, Dr. R. B. Dille, of Portland and Dean G. A. medical department of the University of Oregon, and Dr. Calvin S. White, also of Portland, will be among the principal speakers at the public meeting Monday evening.

FINAL GAP IN ROAD LOCATED

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The highway commission has located the last gap in the Rosewell Highway in Curry county between Geisel monument and the north shore of Rogue River.

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Douglas Is A Star (Witness) Whether On Screen Or Not



Doug is a star wherever he is. Right now, and in the picture, he's a star witness. He happens to be in court in connection with the prosecution of three men who are supposed to have plotted to kidnap Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks (better known as Mary Pickford) several weeks ago. Doug is snipped in court while in conference with Prosecutor McCartney.

BRANDS WOMAN AS PERJURER

BOSTON. (By the Associated Press)—Though branded as a "brazen adventuress" Mrs. Ida M. Blankenburg, of Tulsa, declared today she would carry her fight to the highest court to prove that she is the daughter of Lotta Crabtree and entitled to share in the actress' three-million-dollar estate.

APPEAL IS ALLOWED CHEYENNE (AP)—The government's petition of appeal from the Wyoming federal court's decision in the Teapot Dome lease annulment suit was filed here today.

KIM LOSING OUT FEZ, French Morocco (AP)—Abdel Krhim's Rifians are gradually abandoning their offensive against the French and air scouts reports agree that fate tribesmen are establishing defensive positions all along the front.

Kato Reappointed To Japanese Premiership

TOKYO (By the Associated Press)—Viscount Taki Arira Kato, reappointed premier today after he resigned with his cabinet because that body could not agree on a tax program for Japan, has reorganized his cabinet by restoring to their places all ministers except three recalcitrant Seiyukai party members.

QUARANTINE OF IDAHO PRODUCTS IS MODIFIED

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Quarantine regulations placed in effect by the state commission of agriculture and horticulture, intended to prevent the introduction of the alfalfa weevil into this state, have been modified to permit the shipment of alfalfa and potatoes from Idaho into Arizona. It was announced Friday by Dr. Oscar C. Hartness, state entomologist.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal. (AP)—Charles Craig was hanged in the state prison here Friday for the murder of Samuel Hermonson, a forest ranger, who had arrested Craig and Jack Baker, after they had robbed a bank at Red Bluff. Baker pleaded guilty and Craig was found guilty by a jury. Craig's mother, who lives in Columbus, Ohio, came here recently to intercede for her son. The prison warden said he has evidence showing an ear hole and other marks of the Idaho department of agriculture.

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LIGHTNING SETS FIRES IN OREGON

New Blaze Reported on Cedar Swamp Creek Near Mount Hood.

WHITMAN FOREST FIRE CONTROLLED

Hundred Eighteen Men Fighting New Wind River Fire at Pilot Knob, Wash., Reports Say.

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Many lightning bolts struck in the Mount Hood region during an electric storm last night but forest lookouts have reported only one fire today. That one is on Cedar Swamp Creek and is expected to be brought under control today.

The new Wind River fire at Pilot Knob, Wash., had burned over 200 acres late yesterday. One hundred eighteen men are fighting the blaze.

The fire is believed to have been started by a smoker. The old Wind River fire, which burned over 4,000 acres, is reported controlled today.

NORTH POWDER, Ore. (Special)—Forest fires continue to break out in the Whitman national forest near here, for the most part caused by lightning. A scruboak fire from this cause kept Ranger Albert Angell and a force busy Wednesday and Thursday on Mulh Creek this week.

NET CHAMPION BEATEN TODAY

SEABRIGHT, N. J. (By the Associated Press)—Miss Helen Wilms of California, national tennis champion, was defeated in straight sets today by Miss Elizabeth Ryan in the final women's singles match of the Seabright invitation tournament. The scores: 6-3, 6-3.

William M. Johnson and Clarence Griffin, of San Francisco, captured the men's doubles finals from Robert and Howard Kinsey. The scores: 4-6, 7-6, 6-1.

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