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THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday. Moderately warm in the interior.

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CITY FACED WITH SUIT FOR \$7,500

Anna Bloomquist Says Drowning Due to the City's Negligence

WOULD SETTLE OUT OF COURT

Commissioners Authorize City Manager and City Attorney to Conduct Investigation.

The city of La Grande, "a municipal corporation," is facing a \$7,500 damage suit filed by Anna Bloomquist, a resident of this city who seeks to collect this amount as administratrix of the estate of Leroy Bloomquist, deceased.

According to the complaint filed with the county clerk, Leroy Bloomquist was drowned in a water course near Division street on North Second street on or about August 1923 as a result of criminal negligence on the part of the city in not having said water course properly guarded.

A copy of the complaint together with summons was presented at the commission meeting last evening. Incidentally the plaintiff, through her attorneys, is ready at any time, according to a communication read last evening, to settle out of court.

To Investigate Case. The affair was turned over to W. C. Crews, city manager, and George Cochran for an investigation before any further action was taken by the city.

The commissioners approved and passed a final estimate on the piling in the Mount Emily Timber company's mill yard and instructed the warrants made out in payment.

A resolution receding Improvement District number 157 and directing the city engineer to make out plans was passed and Commissioners Charles Payne and B. P. Landis appointed as a committee on estimates, the resolution approving and adopting the report of the committee on estimates was passed and August 25th set as the day to hear and determine objections.

Improvement District number (Continued on Page Five)

PERKINS WILL LEAD VISITORS

W. E. Perkins, president of the chamber of commerce will be chairman of the annual get-acquainted trip of the organization to Elgin tomorrow evening.

No regular program has been announced but several staged talks will be in order as well as some musical features including selections by the Elgin band.

The cars will leave from the chamber of commerce office in the Foley building at 5:20 tomorrow evening with dinner scheduled at Elgin at 6:20. The dinner will be served in the park by the ladies of Elgin. Reservations should be retained with Earl Reynolds at the chamber of commerce office. A special request for the members to bring ladies has been issued.

Public Health Meeting Held Here Last Night

Although the attendance was not very large at the public health meeting held last night at the high school auditorium, those present were very enthusiastic concerning the interesting program which was given.

Dr. Stella Warner of Portland, head of the child welfare department of Oregon, was the first speaker of the evening. She spoke of child welfare work and emphasized the use of the public health nurse and the school nurse. She advised that laws protecting the health of mothers and children is not a new thing by tracing them back for many years up until the present time. She urged the people of the community to support the health nurse, saying that she was the link between the home, the community and the physician.

Dr. H. B. Whitman of Portland, gave a talk on "Why It Takes to Make a Physician." Dr. Dillehay is from the medical school of the University of Oregon at Portland, and he spoke on the training of doctors and the different work they do in the medical school laboratories and

Water: Right Decree Will Be Signed

Affects Grande Ronde River and Tributaries; Hearing Due Next Friday.

A final decree in the circuit court determining the water rights of all persons securing water from the Grande Ronde river and its tributaries is about to be signed, according to attorneys today.

A number of years ago, following an extended investigation by the state water board, the circuit court entered a decree determining such rights, but a few persons near La Grande and others near Cove appealed from certain portions of the decree. The supreme court ultimately passed upon these rights and gave its direction to the circuit court of Union county.

Some months ago the circuit court requested the state engineer at Salem, who now has control of the adjudication of water rights and all matters relating thereto, to prepare one final decree, including all of the various decrees and orders made at any time in connection with the Grande Ronde river and its tributaries. This proposed final decree has been prepared and left in the office of the county clerk of Union county.

Circuit Judge Knowles, presiding in the circuit court, has requested all persons and attorneys appearing in any of the contested matters or otherwise, to inspect the proposed decree before next Friday, August 7th, at 10 a. m., at which time he will hear objections or suggestions to the proposed decree, and then sign it.

MRS. MILLER TO STUDY VIOLIN IN PORTLAND, ORE.

Florence Lynch Miller, violin instructor of the city, left for Portland last evening to take special instruction on the violin under Professor Eichenlaub. Professor Eichenlaub is considered one of the greatest artists as well as one of the best instructors on the Pacific Coast. Mrs. Miller will study until fall with Professor Eichenlaub. On her return here she will resume her classes in violin instruction.

Dee Rogers to Be Up For Trial on Friday

Yesterday was a fairly busy day in police court with three scheduled to appear.

Dee Rogers, charged with driving while intoxicated, will be tried August 7 at 10 a. m.

Jack Murphy, accused of drunkenness, forfeited \$15 bail.

Pete Lynch, found guilty of being drunk was sentenced to five days in the city jail.

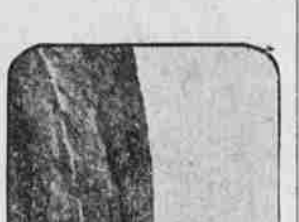
ROAD SURVEY TO START

ALBANY, Ore.—Survey of the Santiam highway from Camasdia to Fish lake will be started early this month, according to word received here from P. H. Brundage, inspector of roads and trails in this forest reserve district. Mr. Brundage has said that he will start a surveying crew on the project soon to locate control points between Cascadia ranger station and Fish lake, a distance of about 25 miles.

On the sections to be improved a built next year a more detailed survey will be made, but on the sections that will not be improved next year control points will be located and the complete survey reserved until next year.

The government has appropriated \$12,000 for the survey, and to this the county government has added \$1200.

New Tangle?



RALEIGH, N. C. (NIA Special)—Chimney Rock mountain in western North Carolina is to be the scene of Gutzon Borglum's next monumental task in sculpture.

Two ideas are pressing themselves upon him as suitable subjects for his art.

North Carolinians have invited him to carve a memorial to the Confederacy along the lines of the one he started on Stone Mountain, Ga., from which task he resigned after various clashes with the backers of the memorial.

Borglum's own idea for the use of the sheer cliffs of Stone that is Chimney Rock is to memorialize Woodrow Wilson.

Should Borglum, however, heed the pleas of the North Carolinians that he go ahead with his original design as started at Stone Mountain, Ga., it will probably mean a bitter legal fight between the men sponsoring the Chimney Rock memorial and those behind the original plan.

Governor Walter M. Pierce will probably accompany the committee of the O. A. C. board of regents on their annual inspection of Eastern Oregon experiment stations, according to a letter received in Baker from James T. Jardine, director of the O. A. C. experiment station at Corvallis.

The regents will complete the inspection of the Union station, Thurston and will then go on to Baker late in the afternoon.

Others who expect to make the trip are President and Mrs. J. K. Weatherford, Albany; Harry Bailey, LaGrange; George Patterson, Hood River; Mrs. W. S. McKimney, Astoria. It is possible that Jefferson Myers of Portland may.

REGENTS WILL STOP AT UNION

Farmer Injured in Fall.

NORTH BEND, Ore.—Arthur O. Kjelland, who lives east of Union Bay, was seriously injured in a 20-foot fall from the hayrack of his large cattle barn. He was taken to Keizer Brothers' hospital. Dr. Phil Keltner announced that he had suffered a fracture at the base of the skull. It will take 24 hours to determine whether the injury will prove fatal. His daughter Inez was to have been married today, but the wedding was indefinitely postponed.

A Page Of Universal Appeal

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MERGING OF RAILROADS IS ANSWER

Coolidge Believes Consolidation Would Solve Present Problem

WOULD EXPECT A FAIR FARE LEVEL

Large Systems Would Be Able to Make Better Return on Entire Business, President Opines.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Voluntary consolidation of railroads, the president believes, would pave the way to a solution of the transportation problem.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge believes the consolidations would enable transportation charges to be fixed at a level which would enable the large systems to make a fair return on the entire business, and do away with present conditions where some lines are making enormous profits while others are making none.

He believes if the Interstate Commerce commission approves the Van Swearingen Nickel Plate merger other consolidations will follow.

GIVE DECISION ON TEXTBOOKS

SALEM, Ore.—(By the Associated Press)—The attorney general today advised the state board of education that under the law it is incumbent upon state educational authorities to continue in use two-thirds of the textbook list not now covered by contracts until such time as new adoptions are made by the textbook commission.

He points out that under the law the textbook commission cannot make new adoptions until November, 1926. In the face of that opinion the state textbook commission has voted to meet August 20 to adopt new books.

WILL CERTIFY POTATO CROPS

E. E. Jackman, farm crop specialist from O. A. C., with H. G. Avery, county agriculturalist, will certify potatoes in Union county during the next few days. Crops in the La Grande, Timber and Alford districts will be inspected today and fields near Hot Lake, Union and Cove will be taken care of tomorrow.

JACK MUST FIGHT HARRY WILLS OR NO ONE, IS WORD

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Though failing to take any further disciplinary action against Jack Dempsey for his alleged assault on Harry Wills, the New York state athletic commission decided it would suspend any boxer who meets the champion anywhere before he signs a contract and posts a forfeit to battle the giant negro challenger.

87 Forest Fires Put Out in Whitman Forest

BAKKE, Ore. (Special)—A small fire which broke out when lightning struck a dead tree between Middle creek and Mill creek Saturday afternoon was brought under control by the forest authorities at a 2:30 o'clock Saturday night. It burned over about 20 feet square.

A 20-acre fire near Shiner Butte was brought under control Friday. It was sent from Austin to handle it.

There have been 87 fires in the Whitman national forest this year, most of them small. The majority were caused by lightning.

MEDFORD SEERS WATER

SALEM, Ore.—John H. Carlin, city attorney of Medford and a member of the state legislature, was in Salem conferring with the state engineer in connection with Medford's proposed new municipal water system.

It was proposed to pipe the water from Butte creek to Medford, a distance of approximately 23 miles. The cost of the project will be between \$5,000,000 and \$9,000,000.

2 WOUNDED IN LIQUOR SKIRMISH

Rum Runners and Hijackers Clash in a Pitched Battle

FOUR IN CHARGE OF AUTHORITIES

Officers Find Enclosed Car Drilled with 35 Bullets; Truckload of Liquor Vanishes.

LOS ANGELES (By the Associated Press)—Two men, both dangerously wounded, are in hospitals here today, and two more held by the police as the result of what officers say was a pitched battle in Long Beach between rum runners and hijackers.

The wounded are Jake Barrett, alias Jack Collins, of San Francisco, and C. H. Munson, of Los Angeles.

The two in custody gave as their names Jack Martin, of San Francisco, and George L. Bruneman, of Los Angeles.

Truck Driver Shot. Munson, who had a bullet hole through his lung, told police that he was shot while driving a truck load of liquor from Seal Beach toward Los Angeles.

Officers were unable to find the truck but Long Beach police found a large enclosed car pierced by 35 bullets in front of the hospital where Collins was located.

TEST PLANES IN FAR NORTH

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Two of the navy planes with the MacMillan arctic expedition have been assembled at Etah, Greenland, and a successful flight with one was made for 30 minutes last night.

HEARS MacMILLAN. CEDAR RAPIDS (By the Associated Press)—Arthur Collins, 15 year old radio operator enthusiast, has been in communication with the MacMillan polar expedition at Etah, Greenland. He received the first message yesterday over a 20 meter wave length. The second message was received over the same wave length. The message is said to be the first ever received in the United States over a 20 meter wave length. Collins picked up a message for the National Geographic society which is sponsored by the MacMillan expedition and one for Mrs. Jack Reinhartz of South Manchester, Conn., wife of the radio operator aboard the Howdoin, one of the expedition ships.

LONG, HARD WINTER IS FORECAST BY GABRIEL

FARR (AP)—Next winter will be long and hard, as the deduction made from remanences which have been carried on by the astronomer proved, Father Gabriel, and which Prof. Guillaume Bertrand, director of the Paris Observatory, has described in the Academy of Sciences.

Father Gabriel has discovered that the lunar cycle of 144 years is divided into two periods of 72 years and 72 periods of 156 years. He says that the weather follows these periods and that this winter will be the severest in the winters of the years 1553 and 1749. His observations are based on researches into the works of historians, poets and writers which were likely to give weather conditions.

CONGRESS THREATENED WITH RELIGIOUS FIGHT

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NIA Special)—A national religious fight—in congress—threatens now.

It was with a view to starting one that L. H. WIDGER, Washington government employe, launched his suit to tie up the pay of District of Columbia educators who teach the sciences. All of them, he says, are disrespectful of the Bible—if one accepts it literally.

WIDGER submits that the Bible says that the world was made in six days. Geology says not.

The Bible says man was specially created. Biology says he was evolved from a lower form of life.

The Bible says the tongues were confined to stop the building of the Tower of Babel. Philology tells a different story.

The Bible says the Creator set a rainbow in the sky. Physics accounts otherwise for rainbows.

The Bible says Joshua made the sun stand still. Astronomy denies it.

The Bible says water was turned into wine. Chemistry says it can't be done.

Now congress in making its last appropriation for the District of Columbia public schools, forbade the use of any of the money to pay instructors who teach "disrespect of the Holy Bible."

Neither a fundamentalist nor a scientist, he explains that his suit's purpose is to force the issue of "church and state." He charges that the former is getting increasingly officious in the latter's affairs. He aims to put an end to it, if he can.

She Doesn't Need a Bob!



Just by way of proving that a girl doesn't absolutely have to have bobbed hair to be considered beautiful, Miss Christine Thomas of Seattle won a prize as most beautiful girl in a Norse pageant there. Her hair is over a yard long.

MOVE TO HELP FARMS PUSHED

SWAMPSCOTT (By the Associated Press)—President Coolidge will reveal his agricultural conference to map out a legislative program for farm aid.

The conference last year presented to congress a program which the principal recommendation was for government aid in cooperative marketing. The conference report failed to get congressional approval.

Spokesmen for the farming regions told the president this morning however that they believed cooperative marketing legislation to be the principal need of the farmers and the president has determined to again leave the problem in the hands of his conference headed by Robert D. Carey of Wyoming.

PETITION FILED

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—The second attempt to remove the John T. Scopes evolution case to the federal courts was launched here today when Dr. John H. Neal, chief defense counsel, filed a petition with the clerk of the circuit court seeking to restrain the state authorities from further prosecution of the case.

MRS. SCOTT TESTIFIES

CHICAGO (AP)—Mrs. Rilla Scott, of Bay Village, Ohio, mother of Russell Scott, took the stand today to testify in behalf of her son whose life is at stake in a sanity hearing. Mrs. Scott said Russell was her second child, born 31 years ago. Attorney William Scott Stewart, for the defense, asked the mother to describe the birth of Russell. The state's objection was sustained.

ESCAPED CONVICT TAKEN

SALEM, Ore.—David Jackson, who with Phillip Davies, escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary here, was captured near Jefferson, 15 miles south of Salem.

Davies started into the brush at the side of the road and escaped. The officers said they fired several shots at Davies but none of the bullets took effect. Jackson was seized two years in the penitentiary for forgery committed in Klamath county. Both convicts were trusted and were employed on the prison farm at the time of their escape.

S. P. SELECTS EUGENE SITE

EUGENE, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Definite announcement that the southern Pacific will accept the proposed terminal site of 245 acres northwest of Eugene in exchange for 253 acres near Springfield, was made in a special meeting of Eugene citizens last night in a letter from F. L. Buckhalter, first assistant general manager.

COAL PARLEY DUE TO FAIL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (By the Associated Press)—Anthracite sale negotiations will definitely be broken off on resumption here late today, barring unforeseen developments, said a high authority among the miners today.

Anthracite operators expressed determination to uphold all the dignity of their scale committee against the challenge they felt John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, had raised against it.

DICK KERR REINSTATED BY LANDIS

Former White Sox Pitcher Given Clean Bill of Health in Baseball

GANDIL, WEAVER PLAY IN SOUTH

Were Teammates of the Famous Kerr, World Series Hero of 1919; Played in La Grande.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Dick Kerr, former White Sox pitcher and hero of the 1919 world series, today was reinstated in organized baseball by Commissioner Landis. President Johnson of the American league, recommended the reinstatement.

Dick Kerr, reinstated in organized baseball today, was not implicated in the famous baseball scandal that resulted in the banishment of Gandil, Cicotte, Weaver, Ribberg and others. Kerr was outlawed because he jumped the White Sox to play in the Mid-West league which went out the rocks about two years ago.

GANDIL IN SOUTH DENVER, Colo. (Special)—Dispatches received here recently from El Paso, Tex., are to the effect that Buck Weaver and Chick Gandil, barred from big league baseball in 1919 by Judge R. M. Landis when it was charged that they threw a scandalous game to Cincinnati while with the Chicago White Sox, are playing again.

Announcement was made here some time ago that Douglas, Ariz., a member of the Frontier league, which includes the Jaurez, El Paso and Port Byron teams, signed three big league players. Arrangements have been made for them to go into business in Douglas.

"As far as the records of these men in organized baseball is concerned, Douglas fans are willing to forget and forgive," says a special dispatch sent to the El Paso Herald. "These men have been banished from large salaries for five years, which has cost them in the neighborhood of \$100,000 each, which should be punishment enough for one offense."

PLAYED IN LA GRANDE Chick Gandil, known here as Tom Gossett, led the Pirates to victory in the Blue Mountain league this summer. Buck Weaver, many here believe, is the same man that played first base here

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