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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Cloudy near the coast, fair in the interior tonight and Thursday.

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STATISTICS SHOW GAIN IN RECEIPTS

To Vacation With Tyles

Mein Pop and the Tyles are going on an automobile trip together! And the two families are agreed that they will share expenses of the trip equally!

THIS IS GOING TO BE SOME VACATION IF THE TYLES ARE GOING WITH US—L'LL BET THEY'LL TRIM THEIR FINGER NAILS SO CLOSE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO PICK UP THE MEAL CHECK WHEN WE GET TO A HOTEL.



When two families agree to share equally in the expenses of an automobile trip, Old Man Tylene generally butts in. Mom doesn't expect a very enjoyable vacation, so it seems.

OUR TRIP THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS IS GOING TO MEAN A SAVING TO ME—IM GOING TO LET GUNN BUY THE GAS GOING UP AND I'LL BUY IT COMING BACK BECAUSE WE CAN COAST A LOT.



Here we have the Tyles already framing up on the Gunn. Eye is the original nickel squeezer, will get Pop in more than one mix-up and many a laugh will be forthcoming. Watch "Mom's Pop" from Saturday on.

More Business Transacted in La Grande Post Office Each Year

POSTAL SALES IN LAST YEAR GOOD

Total Gain of \$9,048.84 over 1921 Receipts Made; Fiscal Year Figure at \$41,390.72.

Steady growth in the postal receipts at the La Grande post office indicating a material increase in the amount of business transacted in this city is shown in figures compiled today by Ralph Haron, postmaster.

The figures taken as a basis of comparison date from 1921. Figures for the years prior to that time might even show a more substantial increase in the receipts but cannot be compared with the business transacted during the past five years for the reason that prior to 1921 remittances of postal funds were received from other offices.

1923 Good Year. The largest individual increase during the five years was registered in 1923 which brought the total from \$33,215.68 for 1922 to \$37,512.44 a year later, a gain of \$4,296.76.

In 1923, also, the increase in business made it necessary to put on two more men in the post office. Since that time additional help has been given steady employment but the number of short-time special workers has been increased.

The figures for the five years, from 1921 to 1925, giving the total postal receipts follow: 1921, \$33,215.68; 1922, \$33,215.68; 1923, \$37,512.44; 1924, \$40,233.89; 1925, \$41,390.72.

Collection Improved. Three more sub-collection boxes were placed in use this summer by the local office. These facilitate the collection of the mail from the outlying boxes. The carriers place the mail from all of the little boxes about the city in the collection boxes where it is gathered and taken to the post office in wagons.

SHEARER WILL GIVE LECTURE

An unusual opportunity will be offered tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock in the community room of the Presbyterian church when J. H. Shearer, musician, will give a free lecture on modern tendencies in music according to announcement today.

This should be of great interest to music teachers, students and general music lovers inasmuch as the Shearers will illustrate modern musical development, piano-forte playing and voice production. It was said.

Tennis Tournament to Be Held August 22-23

UNION, Ore. (Special to the Observer).—The first annual Eastern Oregon tennis tournament, to be held at Union, has been definitely dated for August 22 and 23. It was first planned to have the greatest earlier but other matters interfered.

Seven Days in Jail Before Trial Penalty

The judge decided that seven days in jail was enough penalty for Joe Murphy and Elmer Murray who were arrested last week for assault and battery and released the prisoners this morning with a short admonition. Murphy and Murray did violence on the person of another man on a La Grande street last week but were not brought to trial until today, officers say.

GIRL WINS WILL AWARD

DALLAS, Ore.—Judge Ramsey in circuit court has sustained the validity of the will of the late Jeremiah Snyder, an aged resident of Falls City. The will left about \$1000 and a house and lot in Falls City to Roberta Hall, a 12-year-old girl who has outlived Snyder.

ROY CONFESSES MURDER

GARDEN CITY, Kan. (AP).—Fred Jordan, 17-year-old Ohio high school boy, aka Aden H. Clayton of Lodi, N. Y., near Johnstown City, Mo., August 11, to claim "Clayson's" automobile. The youth confessed here late Tuesday.

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COP SHOT; CRIMINAL ESCAPES

Joe Worden's Left Hand Pierced by Bullet During Scuffle

BOARDED AUTO CARRYING MOON Owner of Machine in Jail Today; No trace Found of Driver Who Fired at Officer.

An exciting scuffle between Joe Worden, policeman and an unknown bootlegger ended in the latter escaping and Worden receiving a bullet wound in the fleshy part of his left hand last night.

Henry Wallmer, whose car the unknown was driving, is held in all here on a complicity charge, while officers are searching for the righting liquor dealer.

Worden was walking in the vicinity of 8 and Greenwood last night about 11 o'clock when he saw a car which he suspected of carrying liquor, the police say. He boarded the machine and the driver produced a gun and shot Worden in the hand. Worden grappled with the driver and the car, uncontrolled, crashed into the Fisher Nelson porch.

The injured hand was dropped and is expected to mend rapidly. If the driver is captured, several charges of serious nature will be placed against him, police say, including assault with intent to kill, transporting intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle and resisting arrest.

Worden believed that he can identify the driver although darkness would make the identification difficult.

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RACK REMOVAL IS UNCERTAIN

The controversy over the fish racks in the Willows river, continuing after a great deal of agitation on the part of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club to have the fish taking pens removed. J. W. Maloney, of the state game commission and E. F. Averill, state game warden, virtually promised that the racks would be taken out or at least put in legally.

Now comes forward the Enterprise sportsman, following the advice of Fred Fisher, state warden of the Willows hatchery, were under the impression that the maintenance of the racks would give the Willows river more salmon.

This is true provided a sufficient portion of the spawn is placed back in the river but the local sporting organization maintains that more fish in the river will be of no advantage to the sportsman for the reason that practically all of their catch will be taken at the racks each year anyway. It is almost impossible to take any salmon in the main river two miles below the racks as allowed by law, they say.

The Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club took exception also to the way in which the racks were put in and in this year substantiated by Mr. Maloney and Mr. Averill in their recent trip of inspection to the stripping station. It is said that the racks in the Willows river are built in such a way that no fish of any kind can get through. In a letter to L. B. Hannefeld, secretary of the state game commission, Mr. Averill says that "even if the racks are a barrier to the fish" this virtually admitting that they are not built properly.

Before taking final action on the matter Mr. Averill has invited the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club to submit proof that the racks are interfering with the trout in the river.

WEEKS MAY QUIT SEAT IN CABINET

Preparations Are Being Made to Boost Possible Successors

WORK, NEW BOTH ARE CONSIDERED President Expected to Have Many Aspirants Presented Him; New Yorker Mentioned.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Renewed indications that Secretary Weeks will retire as head of the war department were followed today by preparations in several quarters to lay before the president the qualifications of various potential candidates.

Likely a great number of names will be submitted to President Coolidge by senators and party leaders.

The first question the president is to decide is whether to go outside the cabinet in naming a new war secretary.

New Work Mentioned. Among the cabinet members considered are Secretary Work, who as head of the post office and interior department has made administrative records. He has some military knowledge through service in the world war.

Postmaster General New, a Spanish war veteran and former member of the senate military affairs committee, likewise is regarded by the president as a man of demonstrated fitness for the war portfolio.

Among those outside of the cabinet Charles D. Hillier, of New York, is considered as ranking high among the available.

SWAMPSCOTT, (By the Associated Press).—An intimation was given here Tuesday by Secretary Weeks, after a conference with President Coolidge, that he might not return to his post in the fall. Leaving his residence alone for the first time since early in the spring, the war secretary conferred for a half hour with the president.

XTRA CASE NEARS JURY

LOS ANGELES (AP).—Prosecuting attorneys today branded C. Z. Stephens the "rains" of the alleged plot to kidnap Mary Pickford, film star, for which Stephens, Albin Wood and Claud Hubbard are on trial. The prosecution charged in the opening arguments that Stephens had been helping the plot for three years prior to his arrest last May. The case is expected to go to the jury late today.

STAIN ROY FOUND LAMONTE, Mo. (AP).—Following a confession at Garden City, Kansas yesterday by a youth who called himself Fred Jordan that he had killed Aden H. Clayton, of Lodi, N. Y., after the latter had given him a lift in his coupe, the body of Clayton was found today on a lonely road near Lamonte.

Commercial Clubs Will Meet Here Next Week

A meeting of representatives of commercial organizations of Eastern Oregon will be held in La Grande August 20 and 21 under the auspices of the Oregon Association of Commercial Organizations. Secretaries of which are: Earl Reynolds of the local chamber of commerce is vice president.

About 25 guests are expected to attend the conference. Invitations have been extended to all organizations within the boundaries of Umatilla, Union, Willows, Baker, Grant and Malheur counties.

Dean Robbins, of the school of business administration, University of Oregon, will be present as will W. B. D. Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Finds Brother Through Dream



Twenty-one years ago, Ada Baker was kidnaped in Kansas. Relatives, aided by detectives never found her. But today Ada Baker has been reunited with her brother, E. M. Baker, policeman of Richmond, Calif. Living as Alene Powers, having been adopted by a family of that name in Kansas, the girl frequently dreamed of her parents and brother. One dream was so vivid that she told her story to newspapers and police. Result was that Baker came along, told her her true name—and found Ada Baker, missing for 21 years.

COURT HEARS OF INTIMACY

ALPENA, Mich. (By the Associated Press).—Mrs. Edna J. Scott, testifying today at a divorce trial brought by her husband, Congressman Frank D. Scott, declared that on the eve of their separation in 1922, Scott had threatened to blacken her reputation.

"I'll drag your skirts through the mud so no one will want to look at you," she quoted him as saying. Frederick B. Sikes, formerly house employe at the Lee house, Washington, testified by deposition that Mrs. Scott had entertained Gilbert Boudinger, fellow guest at the hotel, in her room there in 1922. He said he often saw them in the room together and peeked through the keyhole and saw them sitting close together.

"She was usually sitting on his knee," Sikes said that Boudinger was supposed to be a bootlegger.

DOROTHY ON TRIAL AGAIN

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press).—An insanity plea by the defense was indicated in brief opening statements today in the killing trial.

SAN FRANCISCO (By the Associated Press).—A jury composed of six men and six women was selected Tuesday to try Dorothy E. Long, 37-year-old matron, on a charge of murder. The girl confessed.

Aged Cutter Ashore In Arctic Sea

SEATTLE, Wash. (By the Associated Press).—The coast guard cutter Algonquin and the steamer Odina are hastening today to the cutter Bear, veteran of the United States coast guard, which is ashore in Bering strait.

The coast guard dispatches report the Bear on a sand bar in an easy position in ample water. The vessel is pounding slightly but no fears for its safety are entertained.

The Odina is expected to reach the Bear this morning and the Algonquin should reach the Bear tomorrow evening.

The Bear steamed from here May 14 on her 37th annual cruise into the arctic. The summer has been uneventful for the old wooden steamer, which was to be replaced after this trip by a new steel cutter costing a million dollars.

Montgomery Fined \$250 For Liquor Possession

WILLIAM (Spratt) Montgomery, who pled guilty to the possession of moonshine yesterday, was fined \$250 by Judge Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace. Montgomery was arrested several days ago but did not enter his plea until yesterday.

FIRE RAZES DAIRY BARN

SALEM, Ore.—Fire, which apparently started in the hay loft, destroyed a large barn, three silos, water tank, 100 tons of hay and some hauled straw on the Meadow town dairy ranch located four miles east of Salem. The loss was estimated at \$18,000, partly covered by insurance.

The Salem fire department responded to a call for assistance and through the use of chemicals saved the remainder of the plant. The last of the hay was stored in the barn the day before. A valuable cow and four calves which were in the barn when the fire started were saved by the ranch employees.

Frank Durkin, owner of the property, said that the barn would be rebuilt.

Ground Broken for New Temple. EUGENE, Ore.—Ground breaking ceremonies for a new \$50,000 temple to be erected near the headquarters of the "Four Square" gospel as propounded by Almes McPherson and others took place at the site of the building at the corner of Sixth avenue West and Charleston street.

JACK SHAPIRO IS SUSPECTED

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Federal prosecutors sprang a surprise today by charging that Jack Shapiro, former lieutenant of the sanitary district police, was involved last spring in mail, express and box car robberies in Indianapolis aggregating one million dollars.

Myers' investigators said they learned that \$99,000 worth of Oregon bonds had been printed. Myers said the bonds were voted at a special election held subsequent to a special election in which the boundaries of Oregon were changed to exclude about 400 of the 598 population. The new boundaries coincided largely with property directly or indirectly connected with the Oregon Nursery company and all town officials were either officers of the nursery company or related to officers of the company.

MAN AND WOMAN ARRESTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Keeter were arrested at their residence at 802 K avenue by the officers last evening and placed under charges of the possession of liquor.

They were arraigned before Hugh E. Brady, justice of the peace, this morning, pled not guilty and their bonds were set at \$1000 each, a sum which they had not raised at the time of going to press. Their trial will be held next Monday before a jury. The defendants are being represented by F. E. Ivanhoe.

Meantime the officers are holding some 25 gallons of beer and wine, a quantity of moonshine and other material evidence said to have been taken at the Keeter home in the raid.

Belgian Offer Found To Be Unacceptable

WARRINGTON (AP).—Belgium's first proposal for the refunding of \$400,000 was held to the United States was found unacceptable Tuesday by the American commission.

Textile Wage Cut Draws Washington's Attention

(By Charles F. Stewart) WASHINGTON (Special).—Just what the commerce and labor departments can do about the wage cut in New England textile, woolen and scarlet mills isn't very clear. Whether it is, however, the two departments may be depended on to do it and do it hard.

President Coolidge is understood to be a good deal wrought up over the situation. When he asked the commerce and labor officials to go to the bottom of it, it was as good as a guarantee that they'd get the last available fact.

How the president will use his information, when it's turned over to him remains to be seen. It favors the employers, it will be pretty hard to make the workers take much stock in it.

But there's reason to surmise the president hopes it will be the other way. If so, though he may have no means of actually forcing the employers to back track, nevertheless he can make it somewhat uncomfortable for them if they don't.

WILL PROBE BOND ISSUE OF OREGON

Commissioner Crews Cancels Bond Brokers' Permit Today

TOWN'S BOOKS TO BE INVESTIGATED Oreano Mayor Declares That There Is Nothing Irregular in Questioned Bond Transactions.

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—Pending an investigation of the municipal bond issue at Oreano, Washington county, State Corporation Commissioner Crews today cancelled a bond brokers' permit held by the John Shute company, of Portland.

Myers said his office was investigating reports that bonds had been printed in excess of the amount actually issued, mainly to ascertain if any broker who had knowledge of the alleged irregularity had been attempting to sell the bonds.

TO INVESTIGATE BOOKS. PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press).—District Attorney Myers said today that he had asked Oreano city officials to bring their books to his office for an investigation he is making of the bond issue authorized by the town of \$30,000 for a water system and \$400,000 for streets, sewers and other general purposes.

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Mayor J. McGee and Commissioner R. E. Parsons, of Oreano, declared there was nothing irregular in the bond transactions.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A three hundred-mile flight over the ice-covered mountains of Ellesmere Island was made yesterday by three naval planes of the MacMillan arctic expedition.

PLANE VIEW ARCTIC ISLE

These Is Discovered. WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The third effort to locate an intermediate base for the MacMillan expedition disclosed favorable conditions at Bettstadford, about 100 miles from Etah.

Lane County Sheriff Sued. EUGENE, Ore.—Robert D. Bushnell, a farmer of Dexter, filed suit in the circuit court here against Frank E. Taylor, sheriff, seeking \$20,000 damages on account of an alleged raid on his home some time ago by deputy sheriff. It is alleged in the complaint that the deputies entered his home without a valid search warrant looking for liquor.