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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP), Oregon: Fair and mild except generally cloudy along the coast tonight and Wednesday.

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CONVICT TRIO IS SEEN

FALL TERM OF SCHOOL OPENS SOON

New Teachers Announced by Superintendent Longfellow

SCHOOLS REPAIRED; NEW ONES BUILT

Athletic Coach Expected in La Grande Within a Few Days to Make Preparations for Coming Grid Season.

Preparations are being made by the school officials for the opening of the fall term, September 14. E. D. Towler, principal of the La Grande high school and J. F. Longfellow, superintendent of the La Grande public schools, conferred this morning on the subject of the opening of high school.

From present indications but one new subject will be introduced in the high school curriculum this term and whether or not it can be satisfactorily worked into the schedule has not been ascertained.

This subject, "Sociology," will be taught by Mr. Towler himself provided it is added to the high school courses. It is expected to be linked with economics and biology.

The new assistant in the manual arts department to succeed C. C. Snow was selected recently after considering a number of applicants.

Other new members of the high school faculty will be Miss Muriel Wilson of the Oregon Normal school, assistant in the commercial

PROGRAM OUT FOR CONCERT

An interesting program has been arranged for Victor DePinto's last recital before leaving La Grande for Portland, where he will spend a year at the Gilson-White Conservatory as teacher and soloist.

In this final concert, which is free to the public, he will be assisted by Helen Mack, Parker, soprano, and Nina Gibson, accompanist. The concert will be given at the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at eight o'clock.

The program follows: "Second Movement Concerto in D Minor," Wieniawski and "Polonaise," Wieniawski, Victor DePinto; "The Acorn," Helen Mack; "Finger and Stone of the Open," La Grande; "Home," Mark Miller; "Home," McFadyen and "My Lover He Comes on the Shore," Clough Lehner; "Caprice," Kreisler; "Melody," Davies and "The Horns," Novin, Victor DePinto.

Secretaries to Convene Thursday

Arrangements have been completed for the regional conference of commercial organization workers to be held here Thursday and Friday of this week, August 20 and 21.

The program will be a very informal one with no set talks, no long dry papers or similar joy killers often at conferences, according to Earl Reynolds, vice president of the Oregon Association of Commercial Organization Secretaries, under whose direction the conference is being held.

The program for the most part will take the form of round table discussions. Some of the suggested topics are, Community Spirit, Cooperation of Merchant and Farmer, The Tourist, The Chamber of Commerce, Collecting Special Assessments and others.

Registration will be at the chamber of commerce office in the Sommer Hotel building at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Among the

Band Concert Given Before Large Crowd

Andrew Loney, Jr., Registers Hit of the Evening with a Cornet Solo

There was truly music in the air last evening when the La Grande municipal band gave its second concert at the municipal athletic field. The crowd at the concert last evening exceeded the attendance records set by former appearances of the organization.

It was estimated that in the neighborhood of from 1000 to 1200 people enjoyed the band's music last night. Enjoyed to a well chosen term, too, for seldom does one see a large crowd so attentive and so quiet at an open air concert.

The band scored another success but the real triumph of the evening's concert, Andrew Loney, Jr., Mr. Loney's cornet solo was particularly successful. Adjectives really seem mild.

The band had played several numbers and then to open the concert after the intermission, Ray Biggers, first cornet in the band, took the baton and the instruments began with a soft, harmonious theme.

Mr. Loney raised his cornet to his lips and then as the clear tones of the instrument penetrated the cool night air the band again took up the refrain.

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COUNTY FAIR NEXT MONTH

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WHEAT CROP THIS YEAR NO LARGER

Increased Rye Crop Is Expected in European Countries

MAY REDUCE THE CEREAL DEMAND

Reduced Stocks Necessitate Large Production in All Quarters; European Supply Low.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—World wheat production this year, outside of Russia, will be about the same as last year's according to forecasts and estimates received to date by the United States department of agriculture.

The world supply of wheat, despite low stocks in exporting countries, is also likely to be fairly evenly balanced with the world's available supply last year, due to increased rye crops in Europe which will reduce somewhat the European demand for wheat, the department says.

Official forecasts and estimates of the wheat crop in 12 countries received by the department to date aggregated 1,274,000,000 bushels in the same countries last year. Increase in the crops in Canada, Europe and North Africa practically make up for the decrease in

DEMPSEY IS OFF MANAGER

NEW YORK (AP).—Tex Rickard and Jack Kearns, Jack Dempsey's manager, each posted \$25,000 forfeit today for the Dempsey-Willie match. The action was taken immediately after the New York boxing commission re-instated Kearns and granted him a license to do business in New York.

LOS ANGELES (AP).—Jack Dempsey, informed today that Jack Kearns has posted forfeit for the Dempsey-Willie fight next year, declared, "I positively will not fight where Kearns is in any way connected."

STATE TRADE STILL GOOD

A general survey of commercial and financial conditions over the state indicates that business in almost all lines is showing decided improvement. This tendency toward more trading is reflected in the increased building activity in most parts of the state.

La Grande has several buildings under construction at the present time as well as a number of residences now being built. Summary of activities in other parts of the state follows:

Portland—Has started \$25,174, 133 building since January 1. Silverton—Contract let for new armory, to cost \$13,582. Marshfield—Construction to be rushed on \$200,000 hotel. Pendleton—Wheat sells up to \$1.42 a bushel.

Record demand for Columbia canned salmon, with demand several times the supply.

Bandon—A community hospital may be built here.

Mapleton—Single mill here is working on double shift basis.

Clackamas county school improvement, now under way, to cost \$300,000.

Pendleton—Reynolds, livestock, at Salt Lake buys 15,000 lambs here.

Labor Demand In Oregon is Still Heavy

Pacific Northwest and Inland Empire Industrial Conditions Very Good.

PORTLAND (Special).—There was no falling off in the demand for labor last week, either on the west coast or in the inland Empire districts, according to the bi-weekly employment letter issued here today.

Forest fire fighters and threshing help have not diminished, and in some districts logging activity has increased slightly.

Employment conditions in various districts were reported as follows: Eugene, Ore.—Labor demand and supply in Eugene and district is about at a balance.

The Booth Kelly lumber operations at Wendling and Springfield have returned to a six-day week. Many workers continue to migrate to and from the Natron Cut-off but there are few idle men in this city.

Portland—Loggers were hired in Portland last week for at least three camps which will resume work at once. Labor turnover at camps is about normal.

Forest fires have been subdued for the present at least and there are no fire jobs listed. The Natron Cut-off continues to require replacements each week. There are still plenty of jobs for all who want work.

Raymond, Wash.—Labor conditions on Willapa Harbor are good. Paying and state highway work in this district still require several large crews.

Fallers and buckers have been put to work in this vicinity. Few idle men in Raymond or South Bend at the present time.

Aberdeen-Houliam—No change has taken place on Grays Harbor in either logging camps or sawmill operation. Labor turnover in camps and mills is very low.

Rain has reduced fire hazard and put a stop to calls for fire fighters.

Tacoma—Few jobs of any kind were listed last week on local employment boards. Sawmill operation remains unchanged except that the Defiance Lumber company has added a second shift.

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CENTENNIAL OPENS DOORS

VANCOUVER, Wash. (Special).—Mayor Allen opened Vancouver's centennial celebration at 7:30 last night by welcoming the distinguished visitors and declaring the exposition open to the public.

Reverend F. A. Lavolette offered prayer. Mayor Gibbs of Longview, Mayor Baker of Portland, Representative Crumbacker of Oregon and Governor Pierce of Oregon gave brief talks.

A banquet for guests and the reception committee was served at 6 o'clock at the Saint Elmo hotel.

After the formal opening a pageant, "The Coming of White Man," was given. The pageant was written by Dwight Johnson of this city who is also director of the presentation.

Putting A Want Ad On The Payroll

Progressive business men having small volume not requiring a big advertising appropriation find in the Want Ad a most effective publicity agent whose cost (a minimum) is \$2.50 for a whole month and is hardly felt on the payroll.

Swings Both Lariat and Pencil



CHICAGO (AP).—With the same saddle and equipment used when a cowboy, Carlotta Williams, creator of "Our Way," is furnishing many of the thrills at Tex Austin's championship rodeo under way here.

Jim was given a rousing welcome by rough riders and cowboys when he appeared on the lot for limbering up exercises. They all know and like Jim's car of "cotton" and "sturdy."

It was with the "Big T. L." outfit on the McMurray ranch in New Mexico that Williams spent most of his cowboy days. And many of the boys who were with him at one time or another are here to compete in the various rodeo events.

Williams will compete in roping, bronco riding and steel building events. He knows this game as well as he knows lasso and it is his intimate acquaintance with the cowpunchery daily experiences, coupled with his sense of humor, which has made his work so popular.

The same attention to detail and understanding of home life have made "Moments We'd Like to Live Over" and "Why Mothers Get Gray" so popular.

Williams started out as a railroad fireman, became a cowboy, then a soldier, and then a politician. The call of the pencil, however, and in a comparatively short time he has reached the top ranks of American humorists.

Purses totaling more than \$10,000 are offered in the three events Williams has entered.

"I didn't come for the money," says Williams, "I came out here to meet all the boys and to get a little needed exercise tooting these steers around."

FEDERATION NOT TO SUPPORT A THIRD PARTY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP).—The American Federation of Labor will not support or endorse any third party movement in 1926. A letter has been sent out by the organization to its members warning its members not to join third party movements next year and advising them to select individuals favorable to their cause and to vote for them in the primary and final election.

The slogan is said to be "No aid or comfort for those who seek to launch a new party."

The letter sent out sums up the position of the federation as follows:

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—The possibility developed today that the MacMillan expedition may also be sent to the north pole to fly over the unknown polar regions. A message asking for an opinion on that subject from Capt. Commander Byrd, commanding the navy expedition, was dispatched to a conference between navy officials and the National Geographic society secretary, the expedition's sponsor. The conference discussed the question of whether it was better to give up known seas this year and concentrate upon exploring sections of Greenland and Labrador seeking scientific information.

Swimmer is Compelled to Abandon Trial

Miss Ederle Unsuccessful in Attempt to Swim the English Channel.

DOVER, Eng. (By the Associated Press).—Miss Gertrude Ederle, youthful American swimmer, was compelled to abandon her attempt to swim the English channel this afternoon owing to adverse weather conditions.

She covered more than two thirds of the distance before being compelled to leave the water.

Miss Ederle made the start this morning from Cape Gris Nez, France. The famous swimmers, Tom Burgess of England, Isiah Heimy, the Egyptian, Miss Lillian Harbison of Argentina and Mlle. Jane Sion, the French swimmer, took the water at various intervals to assist Miss Ederle in pacing.

None of the sharks which were discovered in the channel recently put in an appearance.

The end of Miss Ederle's efforts (Continued on page 8)

COMMISSION IS NON POLITICAL, SAYS AVERILL

Corroborating his statements made in La Grande on the occasion of the annual Wing, Kin and Pleetfoot club trout banquet, E. F. Averill, state game warden, has sent a letter to all employees of the state game commission assuring them that their positions are in no way dependent on political connections.

The letter, dated August 15, follows: To all Employees of the State Game Commission.

It is very apparent that an organized attempt is being made to disrupt the work of the game department by circulating statements to the effect that the entire force of employees is to be reorganized on a political basis.

I have been instructed by the Oregon state game commission to advise you that all such statements are false.

The commission at its meeting held August 13 authorized me to say to you that the force is not to be reorganized on a political or any other kind of a basis, and that so long as each employee does his work faithfully and efficiently, refrains from every kind of political activity and does not violate any of the laws of the state or nation, his services will be continued.

Also that the state game commission as now constituted is determined to carry on with renewed vigor and a singleness of purpose the work of propagation and protection of game birds and game fish in order that there may be more and better hunting and fishing throughout the state.

I realize you have been more or less disturbed by the reports that you were to lose your positions and that you have thereby been hampered in the performance of your duties. I certainly hope you will take the statements contained in this letter at their face value and from now on give undivided attention to your work.

Kindly remember that no political activity of any kind or violation of any state or national laws will be tolerated. So long as this is borne in mind and you render effective service, you can rest secure in the knowledge that your employment by the game department is safe.

Democrats Fight Tax Reductions

(By Charles F. Stewart) WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—The democrats' fight on the Republicans' tax reduction program next winter won't be against reduction, but against the kind of reduction—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's kind—that it's considered certain the Republicans will advocate.

It wouldn't do to oppose reduction. That's bound to be popular with everybody. The party that fought it would be doing the worst thing imaginable for itself.

On the other hand, the democrats figure it will be extremely popular to oppose reduction of a sort that will benefit nobody very rich men and big corporations.

That Secretary Mellon wants reduction to begin at the top this time there isn't any question. He's outspoken about it. He's willing to let the small fry have a little of the gravy but he wants the big helping to go to the answer to.

FUGITIVES DISCOVERED IN PORTLAND

Detectives Scour City Rooming Houses in Man Hunt

PORTLAND (By the Associated Press).—Two hundred Portland police under the personal supervision of Chief Jenkins were today seeking Tom Murray, Ellsworth Kelley and James Wilson, escaped convicts who shot their way out of the state penitentiary at Salem last Wednesday.

The outlaws entered Portland last night in a commandeered automobile. Their dash to Portland followed their seizure of an automobile in Monitor early yesterday and the kidnaping of the owner and his three companions.

The convicts drove to the C. L. Newman home between Oregon City and New Era where they spent all day yesterday. Last evening at 5:30 o'clock they forced Newman's son Leslie, and one of the Monitor youths to drive them to Portland in Newman's automobile. They warned Newman that he was a hostage would be killed if word of the flight was divulged.

When they arrived in the Portland business district they released Newman and his friend, left the automobile carrying a sack in which they had their command. Murray threatened to shoot Young Newman if he talked to a policeman.

Newman returned to Oregon City and notified the authorities. The convicts intended driving (Continued on Page Five.)

WILL HOLD MEMORIAL

STOCKHOLM (Special).—Representatives of 30 countries will participate in a memorial meeting to William Jennings Bryan, to be held in connection with the annual congress of the International Near East association here on August 24.

The association is composed of humanitarian organizations operating in the Near East, and its president is Charles V. Vickrey of New York, general secretary of the Near East Relief. Mr. Bryan had been actively interested in humanitarian work in the Near East for many years, and was a member of the executive committee of the international organization. At the time of his death, he was preparing to lead a pilgrimage of 100 Americans on a visit to the Near East Relief work in Bible lands.

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