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THE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Fair tonight; cloudy or foggy near the coast.

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NEW LIGHTS INSTALLED ON STREETS

Carbon Arc Lights Are Replaced by Mazda Bulbs

WILL GIVE TEN ADDITIONAL LIGHTS

$20,000.00 Improvement Project to be Started by E. O. L. & P. Co. Next Week.

When night falls this evening in La Grande the brilliance of its "thousand eyes" will be enhanced by the twinkle of 75 new street lights at prominent intersections.

These new street illuminators were recently installed by the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company in accordance with an agreement reached some weeks ago with the city commission.

In order to put in the new lights 75 of the old style carbon lamps on the arc principle were removed and replaced by a series of Mazda lamps with new reflectors.

This new installation is claimed by J. P. Lottridge of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company officials to add 100 per cent to the light distribution without the glare of the old style arc lights.

The new light system was installed at a cost of approximately $5000 in addition to the $3500 worth of old equipment junked to make way for the new lamps and reflectors.

This arrangement will give the city ten additional lights without extra cost, according to Mr. Lottridge who was in La Grande today superintending the installation of the new system.

Next week the company will start the job of rebuilding the main transmission line of 23,000 volts between Union and La Grande. This project will cost the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company approximately $20,000, according

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MUST STOP SHOOTING

John Walden, county game warden, has received complaints that parties have been shooting grouse in the valley and on the foothills. Mr. Walden is now following up several which may lead to the arrest and conviction of violators of the game laws.

The season does not open until September 10th and it is illegal to shoot the birds before that date or after October 20. Mr. Walden has announced that anyone caught violating this law will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.

When the season opens the bag limit provides that each man is allowed four birds in one day or eight in any seven days.

LECTURER TO SPEAK HERE

Miss Florence Miriam Johnson of Los Angeles, lecturer, healer, teacher and author will speak at the public library tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, choosing for her subject, "The Absolute Truth as Taught by Jesus Christ."

Miss Johnson was a co-worker and student with Mrs. Annie Rix Militz for 11 years, traveling the world over healing and teaching. She has toured the United States and Canada several times with Mrs. Militz.

Miss Johnson is the author of several metaphysical books read on the continent and has gained considerable reputation as a healer.

She will be in this city but for one lecture for which there is no charge other than a free will offering, taken to support her work.

The audience is requested to be seated a short time before 8 o'clock.

COMMISSION MEETING IS POSTPONED

Because only one of the commissioners appeared at the city building last night there was no meeting of the city commission. They will hold their next meeting at the regular time next Wednesday.

Final Concert Given Before Large Crowd

Mr. DePinto, Helen Mack Parker and Miss Gibson Collaborate in Entertaining Instrumental and Vocal Recital.

A large and enthusiastic audience gathered at the Presbyterian church last evening to hear Victor DePinto, violinist, in his farewell recital. Mr. DePinto's renditions last evening were excellent and the audience was very much pleased. He appeared in three groups, the first consisting of "Romance" and "Polonaise," the second "Orientale" by Cui and "Taumert," by Schumann and the third "Air" by Bach, "Caprice," by Kreisler and "Melody," by Dawes. As an encore to the third group he played "The Rosary" by Nevin. Mr. DePinto's expression was wonderful throughout the concert. Preceding each number he gave a short description of the number he was to play, adding to the interest of the evening.

Helen Mack Parker, soprano, of Enterprise, assisted in the concert and her numbers were equally well received. She possesses a beautiful clear soprano voice which is well known to music lovers here. She gave two groups of numbers last evening including such selections as "Far Across the Desert Sands" by Finden, "Song of the Open" by La Gorge, "My Lover He Comes on the Skee," by Clough-Leighter and "Home" by McFadyen. She responded with an encore after each group.

Nina Gibson, also of Enterprise, acted as accompanist and did remarkably well. Besides being an excellent accompanist she is a soloist of ability.

Mr. DePinto will leave tomorrow for Portland, where he will spend the next year at the Ellison-White conservatory as teacher and soloist.

COMMERCIAL MEET OPENS

Regional Conference of Organization Secretaries Convenes Here Today; Banquet This Evening.

The regional meeting of the commercial organization workers opened today with a luncheon at the Sommer hotel this noon. At 11 o'clock this morning a number of the guests had already arrived. Among those who registered at the chamber of commerce this morning were: W. B. D. Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce; Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association and secretary of the Baker chamber of commerce; George Baer, secretary of the Pendleton commercial association and J. E. Mills, president of the Cove commercial club.

The conferences will convene at the high school this afternoon for the first of the regular meetings of the two-day session. Discussions are to be very informal in nature and will be conducted in round table style.

The main banquet of the session will be at the Sommer hotel this evening with W. B. D. Dodson of Portland as the principal speaker and Ernest Watkins, vice president of the Union county chamber of commerce as chairman.

Mr. Dodson, on his address, will touch on various phases of irrigation and land settlement work.

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UNION CO. HIGHEST IN BOOZE FINES

Local Office Makes Record in Prohi Law Enforcement

FIGURES ISSUED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

Union County the Poorest Place in Oregon for Bootleggers, According to Official Records.

Figures recently issued by the state prohibition department show that the prohibition law enforcement officers in Union county have done extraordinary work when compared with other counties in Oregon.

Union ranks third in the state for the month of June for the number of violators of the prohibition law arrested and convicted. Baker county and Multnomah county, both with larger population, are the only ones which made a better record than the local officers.

During the month of June 15 alleged liquor violators were arrested, of these 13 were convicted. Tillamook is the only other county which approaches this record, with the exception of the two already mentioned. Tillamook county also had a record of 15 arrests but was far behind in the number of convictions with only six violators convicted.

The one place in which Union county is far in the lead of all other counties in the state is in the amount of fines assessed and the amount of liquor destroyed.

Although the arrest and conviction figures are unusual in comparison with other counties the amount of fines and the gallons of

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KEEFER TRIAL IS STARTED

The re-trial of L. R. Keefer, charged with the possession of liquor began at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Keefer were both arraigned at the original trial held last Tuesday. Mrs. Keefer was acquitted by the jury but they were unable to agree on Mr. Keefer's guilt or innocence. A new jury was drawn and the trial commenced again at 1 o'clock this afternoon before Judge Hugh E. Brady of the justice court. F. S. Ivanhoe is attorney for this defense.

Trotsky Again Powerful In Soviet Rule

Restoration of Leader Has Been Expected for Some Time; Appointment to Important Governmental Place Is Announced.

WARSAW (By the Associated Press).—Advices from Moscow report the return to power of Leon Trotsky with his appointment as chief of the economic council.

His restoration to power and a position of influence had been expected here where it is considered that his strength and popularity are too great to permit his being kept long under probation because of the probability of his becoming head of some anti-Soviet movement.

FORTY DEAD NOW COUNTED

Death Toll from Steamer Disaster Mounts Steadily; Government Investigation Started.

NEWPORT, R. I., (By the Associated Press).—The death toll of the steamer Mackinac was raised to 40 today when three more of the injured died. Four others are still missing. They are believed drowned.

The death list grew by the hour. Every attendant at the naval hospital, where most of the victims were taken, was on duty and worked ceaselessly. As many of the patients as could be removed were taken to the Newport hospital, where 25 volunteer nurses, many of whom saw overseas service, ministered to their needs.

Boiler Defect Cited.

The disaster, the worst in Rhode Island waters since the sinking of the Larchmont in 1907 with between 125 and 175 on board, was the direct result of a defective boiler, Assistant Attorney General Heltzen told the Associated Press tonight. It was a coincidence that George McVey, captain of the Mackinac, also was captain of the Larchmont, which sank after being rammed by a schooner during a blinding snow storm.

The Rhode Island attorney general's department will continue its investigation to determine whether there is criminal culpability in last night's disaster.

Federal steamship inspectors and Newport police also started independent investigations. United States Senator Metcalf asked Secretary of Commerce Hoover to

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Ambassador?

William C. Boyden of Chicago, understood to be under consideration by President Coolidge for the ambassadorship to Japan.

FOSSIL FIND IS IMPORTANT

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—The discovery in Mongolia of tracks believed to have been the earliest type of man by the expedition led by Roy Chapman Andrews, may prove an important clue to determine America's place in man's development, Dr. Clark Wissler, anthropologist of American Museum of Natural History, said today. He said that it is certain that the whole chapter of stone age history is to be read in Asia as well as in Europe.

NATRON CUT-OFF RAPIDLY ON WAY TO COMPLETION

Southern Pacific is now laying 4000 feet of track per day in the construction of the Natron cut-off according to George W. Boschke, chief engineer, on his return from an inspection trip over the new line. The new construction will provide an alternate route through Oregon between San Francisco and Portland.

That the 118 mile gap between Kirk and Oakridge is fast being closed with new rails and that the ends of the east and west construction will be within eight miles of each other at the summit of the Oregon Cascades by January 1, is the report made by Boschke. The new construction will reach a maximum elevation of 4817 feet at Odell Pass. With favorable weather conditions the work will continue long into the mountain winter, said the official.

HOSTILITY IN MOROCCO IS RESUMED

French and Spanish Representatives Withdrawn from Negotiations

SETTLEMENT TO BE MADE BY ARMS

Large Force of French Troops Move into Riffian Territory to Resume Warfare.

PARIS (By Associated Press).—France and Spain have broken off peace negotiations with Abd-El-Krim, Riffian chief. The French and Spanish plenipotentiaries awaiting the Riffian emissaries at Melilla to submit to the joint French and Spanish peace conditions have been instructed to return home. France and Spain denied that the Riffians had been allowed sufficient time to send delegates to receive the peace terms. They decided to leave the settlement of the Moroccan question to arms.

FEZ, French Morocco (AP).—Twenty-five thousand French troops moved forward at dawn today in the largest operation so far undertaken on the north Moroccan front. Under the direction of an army corps commander, advances were made into the country of the Beni Tsolut and Beni Brances, two of the most southerly tribes, which changed their allegiance six weeks ago from the French to the Riffians, and which have been causing considerable damage and trouble in the rear of the French front line posts since then.

The area is 400 miles square and is located just north of the Tazah-Fez road, which the rebels frequently cut, disrupting communication along the French Imperial North African highway connecting Morocco and Algeria.

Objectives Attained Quickly

Almost the entire day's list of objectives were achieved before noon by four mobile columns, two of which advanced northward from this side of Abdullah on the Fez-Taza road. A third started in a northwesterly direction from Camp De Briches, 20 kilometers north of Taza, and a fourth mobile group moved to the north and east of the rebel tribes between Bab Taza and Bab Moroup.

The last group, under the command of young Colonel Nauguas, numbered 4000 men and constituted the highest peak of military adventure of this campaign.

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COMMISSION IS UNDAUNTED

SALEM, Ore. (By the Associated Press.)—The state textbook commission convened here today for a two-day session to select the text books for use in the public schools despite the ruling by Attorney General Van Winkle that whatever action it takes will be illegal.

The commission will hear the bids of publishers and award contracts for two thirds of the state's text books despite the possibility that their action may be overruled. State Superintendent Churchill is not sitting with the board. He has announced that his department will follow the attorney general's ruling.

New Parking Ordinance Effective

SALEM, Ore. — Salem's new head-on parking ordinance became effective here following the action of Mayor Giesy in affixing his signature to the law. Officials predicted that the new ordinance would conserve parking space and reduce materially the number of traffic accidents.

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TRAIL IS LOST.

PORTLAND (AP).—Search for the escaped convicts continued today in many sections of the northwest, but all cities brought officers against a blank wall in their quest for the murderers.

COACH IS SIGNED.

SEATTLE (AP). — Robert S. Butler, freshman crew coach at the University of Washington, announced today that he had accepted the invitation to become coach at the United States naval academy. He will report October first.

Other Clues Discovered by Authorities

Blood-Stained Car Cushions and Wearing Apparel May Lead to Solution of Mystery.

DES MOINES (By the Associated Press). — Two blood-stained automobile cushions bearing the initials "J. B. B." and other wearing apparel, along with a note-book found late last night, may lead to the solution of the Carlisle straw pile murder mystery, authorities believe. The new evidence was found a mile south from the point where the burning automobile was located four days after the murder.

RUDOLPH AND WIFE PARTED

Estrangement Said to Be Amicable with No Desire for Divorce or Alimonial Heart Balm.

NEW YORK, (By the Associated Press).—Rudolph Valentino, original sheik of the screen, and his wife, Winfred DeWolfe Hudnut Valentino, dancer, and daughter of the perfume manufacturer, have agreed to separate. The wreck of one of Hollywood's dearest romances was announced today by George Ullman, Mrs. Valentino's manager, but he emphasized that the rocks were well cushioned.

The separation is entirely friendly, Ullman said, there being no idea of a divorce or alimony but merely the desire of the two ends to pursue their own talents in different directions.

Mr. and Mrs. Valention had been considered one of the screen's most happily married couples. Mrs. Valentino's artistic senic work has been featured in most of the late Valentino picture releases.

Valentino's waning popularity may have been elemental in contributing to the estrangement.

Buffalo Round-Up To Be Staged in Yellowstone Park

Superintendent Albright of Yellowstone National park advises that a buffalo roundup in the park will commence August 30th continuing for about a week or as long as the public demand it. There will be a camp of Crow Indians and the exhibition will take place on the south side of the Lamar river approximately 15 miles from Camp Roosevelt. People will be carried from the Canyon hotel and Canyon camp to Buffalo Ranch by busses. Box lunches will be provided by hotels and camps. After luncheon guests will be taken in old time stage coach to Lamar river and one of the thrills of the trip will be the fording of the river. It will be necessary to drive about two miles beyond the ford to the point where the buffalo show will take place. Buffalo will be rounded by Indians in full costume riding horses bareback.

Many prominent people will be present including a number of congressmen and probably the chief of staff of the United States army. Some people are coming long distances to see the show which will be spectacular in a high degree and reminiscent of pioneer days on the great plains when the buffalo was such a conspicuous feature in the wild life of the west.

DISCIPLINE HELD LAX IN INSTITUTION

Escape of Convicts Attributed to Poor Management

INVESTIGATION WELL UNDER WAY

Testimony of Employees of Prison Given Before Coroner's Jury Probing Death of Guards.

SALEM, Ore. (AP).—Sweeping statements of a total absence of discipline and control over convicts, said by some of the witnesses to be directly responsible for the break and killing of two guards and a convict, inefficiency and friction among prison officials, gambling and marrawanna (hemp leaf) smoking among the prisoners featured the second session of the investigation into the escape by a coroner's jury here.

Summarized, the testimony taken from the witnesses, all but one of whom are and were employed at the prison at the time of the delivery, brought forth these statements:

That no discipline, as compared with former administrations, ex-

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NOTED EDITOR ANSWERS CALL

CHICAGO (AP)—Victor F. Lawson, editor and publisher of the Chicago Daily News, died at his home here Wednesday night after an illness of two days.

Mr. Lawson had suffered heart attacks in recent years from overwork and an attack of myocarditis with acute dilation, which came Tuesday, proved fatal at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. His nearest relative, his niece, Mrs. Clarke G. Tavenee, of Chicago, summoned when it was plain his illness had become grave, was at his bedside.

Mr. Lawson would have been 75 years old next month. Earlier in the year, and two or three times in the last decade, he had suffered attacks which kept him confined for a few days but after brief rests he resumed his vigorous activities, refusing to turn over the burden of direction of the Daily News to his staff.

Victor Fremont Lawson gained fame and fortune by his foresight in anticipating the success of a low priced newspaper. His Chicago Daily News was the first western paper to make a success as a penny sheet.

Influential Publisher.

Mr. Lawson was one of the most influential publishers in the United States and friends assert his paper always was conservative.

He was one of the founders and always a leader in the affairs of the Associated Press, being one of the most vigorous advocates of co-operative news gathering. He was president of the Illinois corporation from 1894 until 1900. He had been a member of the board of directors of the present organization continuously since November, 1900.

He was born in Chicago September 9, 1850, the son of Iver and Melting H. Lawson.

Tuning Her Up

Federation Policy Already Worked Out

(By Charles P. Stewart)

WASHINGTON (NEA Special).—The American Federation of Labor already has its program for the next session of congress very definitely worked out. It knows just what it wants and doesn't want. It aims to get the former if it can, to do all in its power to prevent the latter, or put an end to it, if it exists now. President William Green's outline of his organization's policies is as clear cut and concise as the typical politician's discussion of party plans usually is uncertain and indefinite.

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The federation scents a scheme if congress cuts out the surtax on big incomes, to put a sales tax in its place. "The average workman's living," President Green told me, "costs him practically all he makes. Taxes are passed along to him on everything. He carries the whole load—except the surtax. The man who sells to the workman makes a margin of profit. He includes his taxes in the prices of the goods he sells, and has his profit clear—of everything but the surtax. Abolishing the surtax and imposing a sales tax would be putting the entire burden on the poorer man. The federation opposes it. We're for tax reduction, of course."

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There's been considerable talk of action by President Coolidge to prevent further coal strike threats. Nothing doing along that line, is the federation's view. "The supreme court," said President Green, "already has held government interference with labor's wages or hours unconstitutional. These are matters purely between the employers and employes. What's more, we shall oppose any attempt to restrict labor's normal activities further by government tribunals or boards.

We shall join the railroad labor group in an effort to pass the Howell-Barkley bill, providing for adjustment of disputes between the roads and their men by other than governmental means. We shall try to abolish the railroad labor board.