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La Grande Evening Observer

THE WEATHER
PORTLAND (AP)—
Sun—Fair tonight and
day with clouds or rain
on the coast tonight. Warm
in the east portion tonight.

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15 KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

CITY DEALS
CARNIVALS
HEAVY BLOWSixteen Concessions Are
Closed Down—Com-
missioners ApproveTO REFUND PART
OF LICENSE MONEYAnti-Carnival Movement
Comes to Head at Reg-
ular Weekly Meeting
Last Night.

The backbone of the carnival
not playing in La Grande was first
lost and then broken yesterday by
the city commissioners. And, with
this action, La Grande went on re-
cord before the world as an un-
healthy place for games of chance
and games of skill and science,
whether they be punchboard
wheels, or ring-the-pea contests.

Yesterday afternoon, under or-
ders of City Manager W. C. Crews,
the police closed down 16 conces-
sions which had operated only a
day or two. The city manager de-
scribed these concessions as places
where patrons were unable to get
value received for money expend-
ed—which is the law in La Grande.

Must Get Money's Worth
When one plays a game and
pays a dime or two-bits, then one
must get not less than that amount
of merchandise in return for the
coin one parts with. Otherwise,
the whole proceeding is contrary
to the ordinance of this city and
no action is called into play.

The whole thing came to a head
at last night's brief meeting of the
city commission. City Manager
Crews was instructed to make a re-
port and he told of the closing of
the 16 concessions—the closing of
everything excepting the lunch and
soft drink concessions, the tent
shows and the rides.

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MANY TO ATTEND
CONCERT AT BALL
PARK TONIGHT

Approximately 40 pieces will be
in the instrumentation of the La
Grande municipal band this eve-
ning for the second outdoor con-
cert of the summer season which
will be held at the high school
athletic field at 8 p. m.

With the personnel nearly com-
plete and an excellent program
ready, Director Andrew Loney ex-
pects this concert to surpass any
outdoor program played here by
this organization.

Prospects of fair weather point
to a large attendance.

Airmail Plane Turns Over In
Attempt to Land Here Today

A Varney airmail plane, bound
from Boise, Ida. to Pasco, Wash.,
was slightly damaged in a forced
landing in the field just east of
La Grande this morning. The land-
ing occurred at 6 o'clock which
enabled the post office here to
transfer the mail to No. 17, which
passed through here an hour and a
half later, providing little delay.

According to pilot Taft, his en-
gine started missing and going
dead over Pendleton. It provided
enough power, however, to make
the trip over the mountains but
the pilot was afraid to go farther
so attempted a landing here. He
located the field, which has recent-
ly been plowed, but had to take
a chance on landing there.

Taft nosed the plane down but
failed to land square, the plane
turning over on its back. Taft was
uninjured but the plane suffered
slightly. The propeller was broken.
Taft believes that it will be neces-
sary to wreck the plane in order
to get it out of the field and ship
it.

This is the first time since the
Varney planes carrying United
States airmail between Elko and
Pasco have met with a delay since
the service reopened June 1, and
the second time that a plane has
been forced to land here. It will
be remembered that a machine
driven by Pilot Buck landed here
when the service was first opened
early in April.

CHICAGO, June 17. (AP)—Of-
ficial announcement was made to-
day that the 29th International Eu-
charistic congress would be held
in Sydney, Australia in 1927.

Guard Units
Prepare For
Camp ClimaxBrigade Review to Be
Held June 25, Inspires
Hard Drill and Inten-
sive training.

MEDFORD, Ore., June 17. (AP)—
The Oregon national guardsmen
in camp here are in the midst of
hard drill and intensive training to
be climaxed June 25 by a brigade
review with Governor Pierce and
regular army officers of high rank
in attendance. Tonight the cham-
ber of commerce will tender a
banquet to Brigadier General Geo.
A. White, and staff, followed by the
officers' ball, the chief social event
of the encampment.

CAMP JACKSON, June 17. (Spe-
cial)—Company E, La Grande, ar-
rived at Medford the morning of
June 15 about 8:30 o'clock along
with some 2500 other guardsmen.
We started immediately for
Camp Jackson, arriving here about

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STEERS AUTO
IN NOSEDIVEHenry Runstrom Drives
Safely in Plunge over
Cliff—Glass Panes Un-
hurt by Shock.

Henry Runstrom may not be a
crack driver on ordinary main-
highways, but he steers a tight
nosedive down a 12-foot sheer
rock cliff.

Yesterday afternoon he was
driving along the canyon road of
Telocent, keeping pretty well to
his own side. Suddenly a front
wheel lurched over the edge and
he found himself plunging scan-
dally toward the rocky bed of Pyle's
creek 12 feet below.

There was nothing to do but
stick to the ship. And Runstrom
stuck. Better than that, he navigated
her.

Grass Helps.
Deep grass on the creek bank
braked him, and he stopped with
the front wheels just getting wet.

He had neither upset, nor spin-
tored a glass pane. Some of the
motor parts showed damage from
impact with jutting rock, but the
coupe was able to back from the
creek bed under its own power
when the wrecker arrived from La
Grande.

Runstrom in person suffered
nothing but chagrin.
"I'm a little new at driving,"
he apologized to the mechanic.
"Can't handle a car very well
yet."

A hearing relative to the ap-
plication of the Eastern Oregon Lum-
ber company for a grade crossing
on the Piner-Enterprise highway,
23 miles north of Enterprise, was
held at Enterprise yesterday. Ed
Ostrander, public service commis-
sioner, and Mr. Houser, secretary
for the public service commission,
were in attendance from Salem.

Mr. Ostrander and Mr. Houser
passed through La Grande yester-
day and were accompanied from
here by H. G. Smith, state high-
way engineer of this division, and
Oscar Cutler, office engineer.

No decision was made at the
hearing. Arguments will be made
in Salem at a future date and the
matter referred to other members
of the public service commission
before the decision will be an-
nounced.

Starkey People Unite
In Mountain Meeting

A reunion of the resident and
former residents of Starkey was
held at the top of the Blue moun-
tains Sunday, June 13. More than
a hundred people were in atten-
dance, including several pioneers
to this section, who had not seen
each other for 20 years or more.

REPAIRING
UNION-COVE
RAILROADManager C. E. More Ex-
pects to Be Able to
Move Cherry CropSTATE OFFICIALS
POSTPONE INQUIRYPublic Service Commis-
sion Satisfied at Prog-
ress Made Toward Re-
habilitation.

UNION, Ore., June 17.—Satis-
fied with the progress Charles E.
More has made toward rehabili-
tation of the Central Railroad of
Oregon since he resumed manage-
ment at the dissolution of the re-
ceivership Friday, the public ser-
vice commission has postponed in-
definitely the investigation of ser-
vice and facilities scheduled for a
hearing at the city hall here this
noon.

The road will be in first class
shape at the end of two weeks,
Manager More declared this morn-
ing. That will be in time to move
the cherry crop, which, ac-
cording to the Starkey brothers,
will not be ready for carload ship-
ments before July 2 or 3. The
shippers expect to move the entire
bulk of the fruit over the C. R. O.,
they have signified.

Crews of Workmen Busy
A thousand ties have been pur-
chased—"and paid for, incidentally."
More adds—and will be moved
and distributed along the Cove
line Friday morning. Fifteen men
are already at work cutting woods
along the right-of-way. Mater-
ials are ready for the repairing of
the cross-over to the O-W.
R. & N.

Commissioner Pleased.
Commissioner Ed Ostrander,
who stopped in Union this morn-
ing en route to Salem from En-
terprise, not knowing that the
hearing had been postponed, ex-
pressed himself as well pleased
with the way the work is moving
when he went over the grounds
with More and heard his plans.

Money for the repairs has been
furnished directly by Charles E.
Graham, president of the com-
pany, according to Manager More.

GRADE CROSSING
HEARING HELD
AT ENTERPRISE

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A much school was held during
the day with Mrs. J. M. Eubank,
of Walla Walla, Wash., school
teacher at Starkey 31 years ago,
as teacher. She was then Miss
Nellie Rhinehart. Many of her
former pupils were present.

Another reunion will be held at
the same place the second Sunday
in June, 1927.

HER HAIR UNBORED
BRUSSELS (AP)—No scissors
have touched the hair of Queen
Elizabeth. Insistent rumor is that
Belgium's queen has had her hair
holed or cropped, but is de-
clined in a statement from an of-
ficial spokesman of the royal
household. "If her majesty looks
as though her hair were shingled,
that is because of the skill of her
hair dresser," it was said.

2 Dead Left
In Path Of
Iowa StormSlowness of Tornado's
Movements Permitted
Many Clarinda Citi-
zens to Find Safety.

CLARINDA, Iowa, June 17.
(AP)—Two persons killed, at least
twenty injured and property dam-
aged aggregating \$150,000 was the
toll of a tornado which swept
across Clarinda late yesterday.
Approximately thirty homes were
wrecked.

Denis Usher, 13, was killed when
he and three other boys were
caught in a pasture. The lad was
hurled several hundred feet. J. A.
Douglas was fatally injured when
the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ly-
man Ernest, was demolished. He
died in a hospital.

Two funnel shaped clouds, one
from the north and the other from
the southwest were said to have
met southeast of town. The wind
struck with terrific force, ripping
roofs from homes, toppling less
substantial houses, and leaving
scattered debris in its wake.

Residents attributed the slow-
ness of life to the fact that the two
clouds moved comparatively slowly
and gave persons a chance to
seek shelter.

PLAYGROUNDS
ARE POPULARKiddies Preparing for a
Great Day Saturday at
First Open Day at Riv-
erside Park.

Every boy and girl in town that
can get there is going to be at Riv-
erside park Saturday morning
from 9 to 11 o'clock. The children
who have been attending the play-
grounds in the different school
districts this week know about the
games and the big contests. That
Miss Mildred Hoyt, supervisor,
has planned, and they are spreading
the news among the rest of young-
sters over town.

Miss Hoyt knows about all the
good games anybody ever thought
of, and has a lot of extra ones
written in a book. She doesn't
have to stop to think of a new one,
and his on the game that "I was
going to ask if we couldn't play."

This morning, at the Willow
school, it was relay with ten pins,
and the players lined up in stand-
still rows. Fifteen minutes later
they were scattering pell-mell in a
rolling game they called "Beef-
steak."

About 30 boys and girls have
been on hand every day since the
playgrounds opened. Tuesday
morning at Greenwood, Wednes-
day morning at Riverside, and today
the games were on the Willow
school lawn. Central is waiting for
its turn tomorrow.

The playgrounds will operate in
rotation five days a week, Sat-
urday being saved for an all La
Grande day at the park.

Besides the equipment at the
schoolgrounds, the playground
board has furnished tennis, hand
and basket balls, croquet and other
paraphernalia. Sand boxes will be
installed soon for the pleasure of
the little folk. All school children
from first grade through the
eighth, are privileged to play.

On the supervising board are
Mrs. Robert Eakin, the Rev. W. C.
Ross, Mrs. Homer Wilson, Mrs. C.
P. McPherson and J. T. Longfel-
low, superintendent of schools.

New Contrivances on
Display in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.
(AP)—Scores of new contrivances
of every sort and description are
on display at the exhibition in
connection with the second annual
convention of the National Asso-
ciation of Inventors which opened
in the Multnomah hotel at 1 p. m.
today. Altogether there are ap-
proximately 200 inventions in the
exhibit brought there by their cre-
ators from every section of the
Pacific coast. Most of the con-
trivances have been patented or
patents have been applied for
them and a number of them have
been placed on the market.

AN EXPENSIVE RIDE

READING, Pa. (AP)—Wonder
what the bill will be? Five priests
left here in a taxicab to attend
the Eucharistic congress in Chi-
cago. It's a 2,000 mile trip.

CONGRESS
TO ADJOURN
ON JUNE 26Party Leaders in Both
House and Senate
Agree on DateRIVERS, HARBORS
BILL LOSES OUTEarly Cessation of Ses-
sions Makes Outlook
for Several Measures
Pessimistic.

WASHINGTON, June 17. (AP)—
Final adjournment of congress
on June 26 was forecast today by
party leaders in both senate and
house.

A resolution setting that date
for the end of the session probably
will be taken up early next week.

Such a program is expected to
mean failure of the pending rivers
and harbors bill as well as the ad-
ministration bill.

It is the plan to bring farm re-
lief to a vote, pass a pending de-
ficiency appropriation bill, put
radio legislation through the senate
and then go home.

GIRL DIES AFTER
VICIOUS ATTACK
AT GREEN LAKE

SEATTLE, June 17. (AP)—So-
phia Gaines, niece of William A.
Gaines of this city chairman of
the King county commissioners was
killed by a vicious attack made on
her while on a stroll around Green
Lake yesterday. Her body was
found today. Evidence showed she
was beaten to death with a rock.

Miss Gaines had just come here
from studies in Smith college,
Northampton, Mass.

Oregon Pioneers Meet
In Portland Reunion

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17. (AP)—
Oregon pioneers from far and
near gathered at the municipal
auditorium this morning for their
annual reunion. Eight hundred or
more are expected at today's gath-
ering, 300 of whom registered yester-
day. Bruce Wolverton, as pre-
sident of the Oregon Pioneer Asso-
ciation, will call the gathering to
order.

The annual address will be made
by W. L. Honey, pioneer of '54 and
secretary of the Washington State
Historical association.

The Sons and Daughters of Ore-
gon Pioneers held their annual
meeting last night, following the
41st annual encampment of the
Indian war veterans of the Pacific
northwest.

Brush and Grass Fire
Controlled Wednesday

MEDFORD, Ore., June 17. (AP)—
A brush and grass fire, that
raged on the north slope of Roxy
Anne, a peak overlooking this city,
last yesterday was extinguished last
night by a force of fire fighters
under deputy state forester W. H.
Lowe. The fire threatened a num-
ber of orchards for a time. Tues-
day night a "fiery cross" was burn-
ed upon the hillside and the fire
was attributed to the display. The
deputy state forester reports that
the fire was maliciously set, to
cast suspicion upon the "fiery
cross."

CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH
FRENCH (AP)—Valentine Ver-
go, 2-year-old son of Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Vergo, Pixley ranch-
ers, set himself afire and died on
the way to a hospital.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BOSTON (AP) R. H. E.
St. Louis 4 8 7
Boston 2 6 2
Batteries—Rhem and O'Farrell;
R. Smith, Morrige and J. Taylor.
Second game—R. H. E.
St. Louis 6 13 2
Boston 2 6 2
Batteries—Keen and O'Farrell;
Graham, Vargas, Cooney and J.
Taylor.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Cin-
cinnati-Philadelphia game post-
poned, threatening weather.

Freckles And His Missus



Wesley (Freckles) Barry, 16-year-old middle star, left, and
Mrs. Barry, formerly Julia Wood, 22, of Newark, N. J. They
were married at the bride's home in Newark Monday and are
now en route to Hollywood, Cal. "Wes" seems to have grown
up pretty fast.

CANDY STORE
OWNER TAKEN

LOS ANGELES, June 17. (AP)—
William Graham, owner of a
candy store in a building wrecked
by terrific explosions of dynamite
here early today, was arrested by
police following an investigation
at the scene of the blast. Eighty-
eight sticks of dynamite were found
on Graham's premises, police said.

The entire rear wall of the store
was destroyed by the explo-
sions, which, according to reports
received by the police were five
in number. These came intermit-
tently. A portion of the roof fell
with a sixth blast, sending officers
investigating within scurrying for
their lives. Practically all windows
in the building were shattered as
were scores in nearby structures.

Detectives declared they found
everything in Graham's store soaked
with gasoline, twelve sticks of
dynamite on the cash register,
thirty sticks on the gas stove.

AMERICANS AND
ENGLISH DIVIDE
TENNIS HONORS

WIMBLEDON, Eng., June 17.
(AP)—America and England di-
vided the first two singles in the
matches for the Wightman cup,
emblematic of supremacy for team
play in women's tennis. Miss Eliza-
beth Ryan defeated Miss Joan Fry,
6-1, 6-3, while Mrs. Kitty McKane
Godfree defeated Miss Mary K.
Brownie, the American champion,
6-1, 7-5.

Italian Prune Tree
Is Bearing Cherries

EUGENE, Ore., June 17. (AP)—
An Italian prune tree on Willie
Knickerbocker's farm near here is
bearing cherries.

A limb from a cherry tree was
grafted on the prune tree several
years ago, and for the past two
years the tree was content to grow
prunes on the grafted limb. This
year, however, a clump of cher-
ries was added to the prune tree's
offering.

Reed And Wheeler Clash In
Wordy Battle In Washington

WASHINGTON, June 17. (AP)—
Under a machine gun fusillade
of questioning by James A. Reed,
democratic senator from Missouri,
Wayne B. Wheeler, of the Anti-
Saloon League, maintained today
before the state campaign funds
committee that the league had
played only a legitimate role in
politics, in legislation and in litiga-
tion arising under the dry laws.

Other engagements for the morning
as the committee had considerable
business to transact with him.

Considerable time was spent on
Reed's inquiries as to Wheeler's
exact salary as officer of the league.
Many questions were also
fired at Wheeler in regard to ac-
tivities of the league in securing
liquor convictions.

LOCOMOTIVE
TEARS INTO
SLEEPERSPennsylvania Carriers
Crash Shortly Before
Hour of MidnightEXPRESS STOPPED
TO FIX AIR HOSEFlagman's Flares Failed
to Stop Approaching
Speeder; Investigation
Ordered.

PITTSBURGH, June 17. (AP)—
Eleven passengers and four rail-
roaders met death and more than a
score of passengers were injured,
several seriously shortly before
midnight when two fast Pennsy-
vania railroad trains were wrecked
in a rear end collision two miles
west of Blairsville intersection.
The crash came when the Cincin-
nati limited ploughed into the
rear of the Washington Express
which had stopped when an air
hose parted. The two locomotives
of the limited and the club car,
immediately following them as
well as two express sleepers were
badly wrecked.

A mass of steel was mangled last-
ing of the terrific crash. The ex-
press sleepers were telescoped their
full length. The two locomotives
on the limited left the rails and
upset while the club car crashed
in on the fore end, shot into the air
and stood upright, all other sleep-
ers on the two trains, totalling eleven,
were derailed.

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13 AMERICANS WIN
RIGHT TO ENTER
GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNNINGDALE, England, June
17. (AP)—Led by Bobby Jones,
the amateur champion, four of the
six Americans in the southern sec-
tion of qualification play earned
the right to enter the British open
golf championship tournament. The
two who fell by the wayside were
Joe Stern, young professional, and
Silas Newton, of the Lido club,
New York.

ST. ANNES, England, June 17.
(AP)—All nine Americans com-
peting here came successfully
through the qualification rounds
for the British open golf cham-
pionship tournament play which be-
gins next Wednesday.

DENVER, Colo., June 17. (AP)—
Harry R. Rogers, of San An-
tonio, Texas today became pres-
ident of Rotary International when
Arthur H. Bapp, his opponent,
withdrew from the second ballot
cast at the convention here.

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"What other cases have you in-
terfered with?" asked Reed.

Speaks of Fair Deal.
"I can't recall. Our general
policy is to see that a man gets a
fair deal. If I think he is crook-
ed, we help to prosecute him."

"That means your organization
undertakes to pass on the guilt
or innocence before hand," re-
marked Reed.

"No," protested Wheeler. "We
investigate and if we think the
accused is being 'framed' by the
liquor people we go to the officer
and ask that he sees that the man
gets justice."

"How many cases have you done
this?"

"I can't say."

Reed and Wheeler again clashed
over the methods the counsel fol-
lowed in answering questions.

"I can't always remember your
exact language," Wheeler said.

"I don't want you to remember
my language," Reed returned. "But
I do want you to remember the
word 'yes' and the word 'no'."